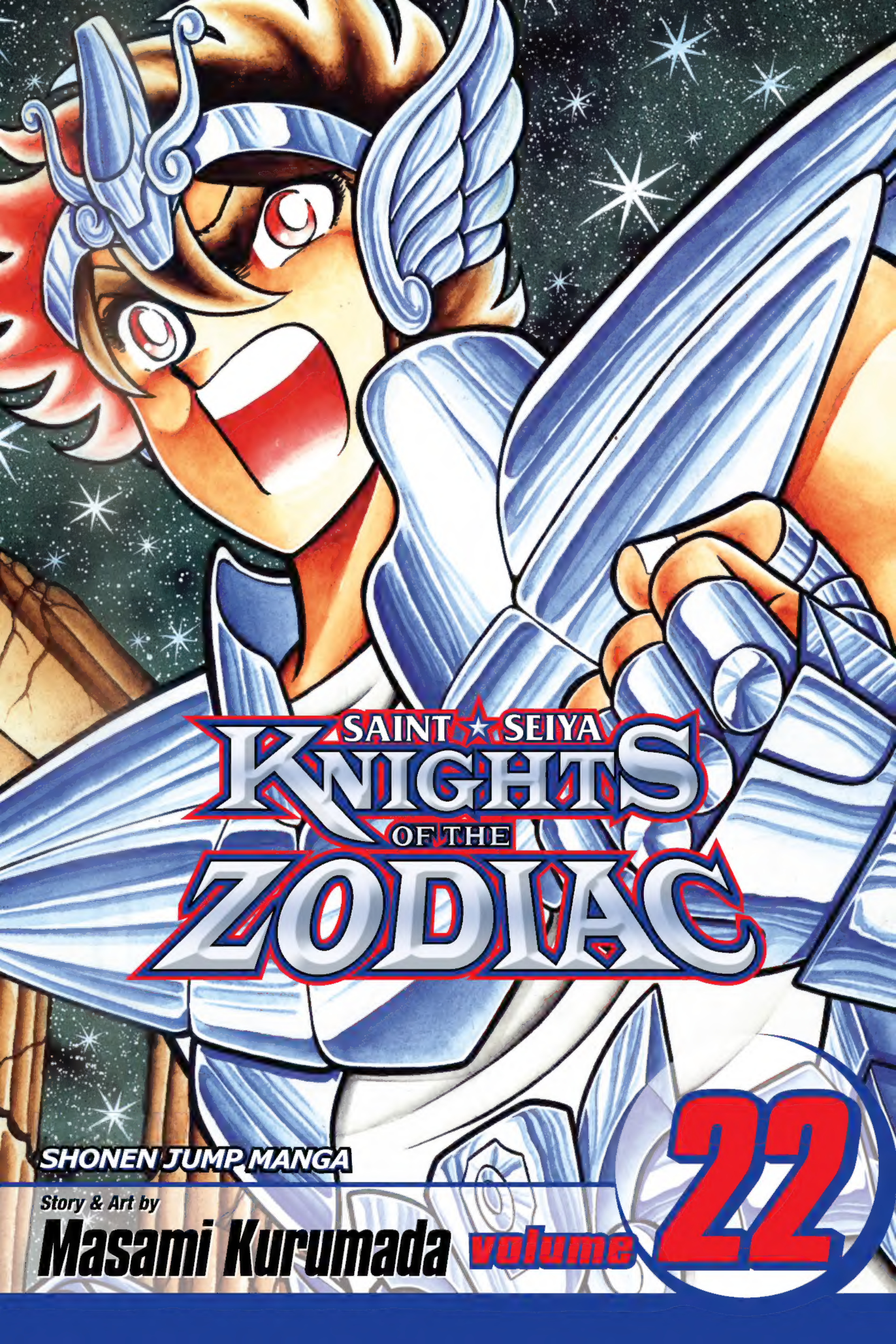
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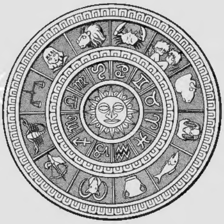

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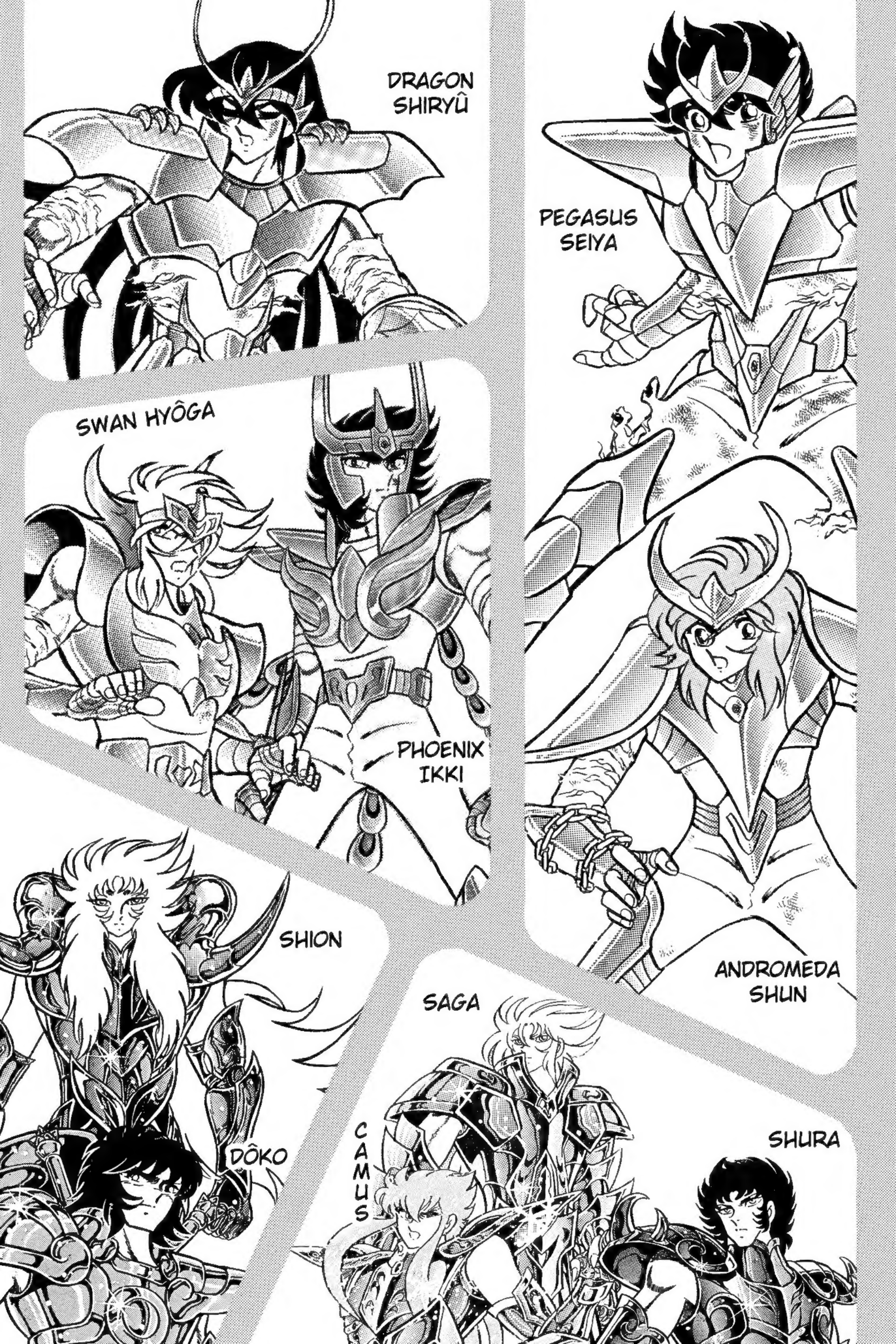

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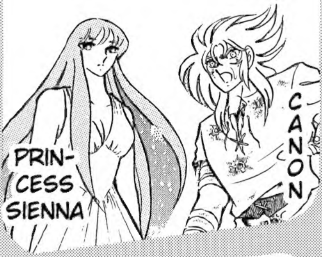
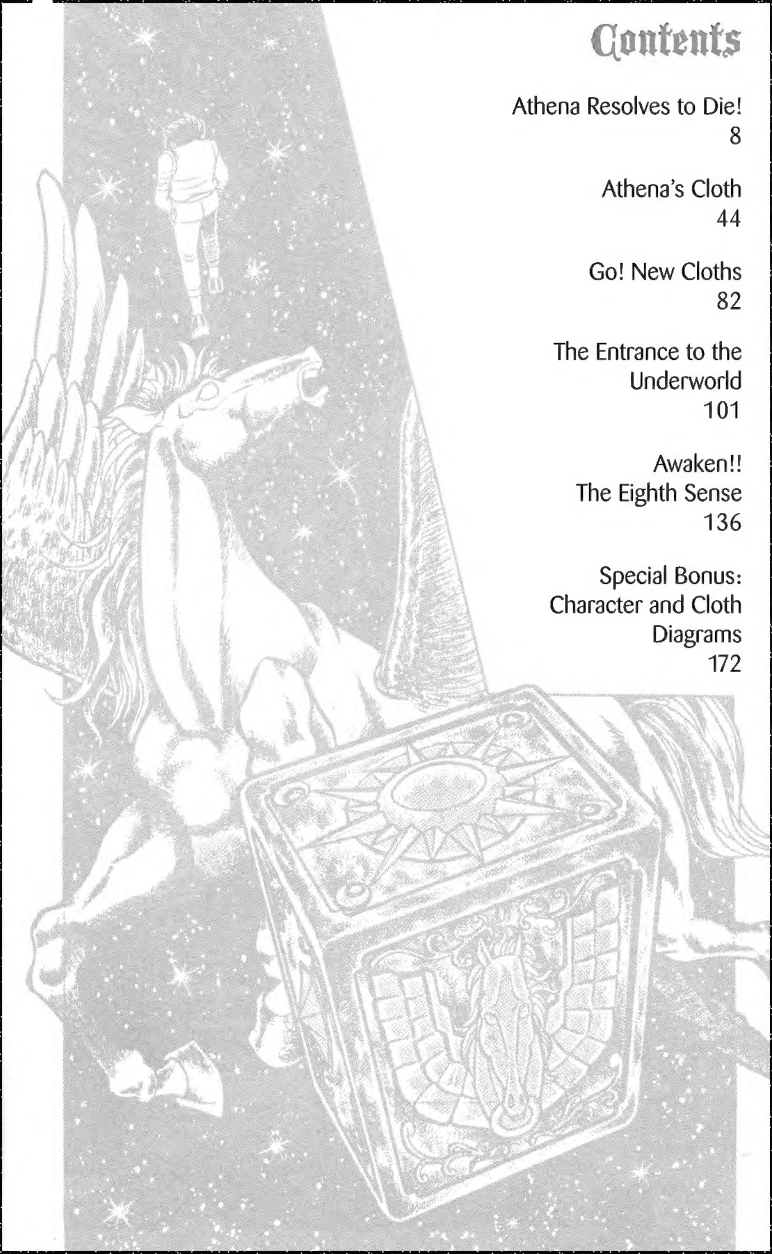


THE STORY THUS FAR...

LEGENDS SPEAK OF YOUNG MEN WHO PROTECTED THE GREEK GODDESS ATHENA. KNOWN AS ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, THEY WERE SAID TO WIELD PUNCHES THAT CRACKED THE SKY AND KICKS THAT SPLIT THE EARTH. TO RAISE WARRIORS WITH THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT FOR PRINCESS SIENNA, THE INCARNATION OF ATHENA, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 BOYS OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. FOUR BRONZE KNIGHTS--SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ AND SHUN--SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR TRAINING. IN BATTLES AGAINST THE CORRUPT MASTER OF SANCTUARY AND THE SEA GOD POSEIDON, THE LOVE AND JUSTICE OF ATHENA AND HER KNIGHTS TRIUMPHED.

BUT THIS PEACE HAS BEEN FLEETING, AS HADES, THE GOD OF THE UNDERWORLD, HAS ARISEN TO INVADE THE EARTH WITH HIS ARMY OF SPECTERS. AMONG THE SPECTERS ARE THE DECEASED GOLD KNIGHTS SAGA, SHURA AND CAMUS. KNIGHTS PAST AND PRESENT MEET IN A BITTER BATTLE, DURING WHICH THE GOLD KNIGHT SHAKA IS STRUCK DOWN. THEN ATHENA HAS A SHOCKING REVELATION...



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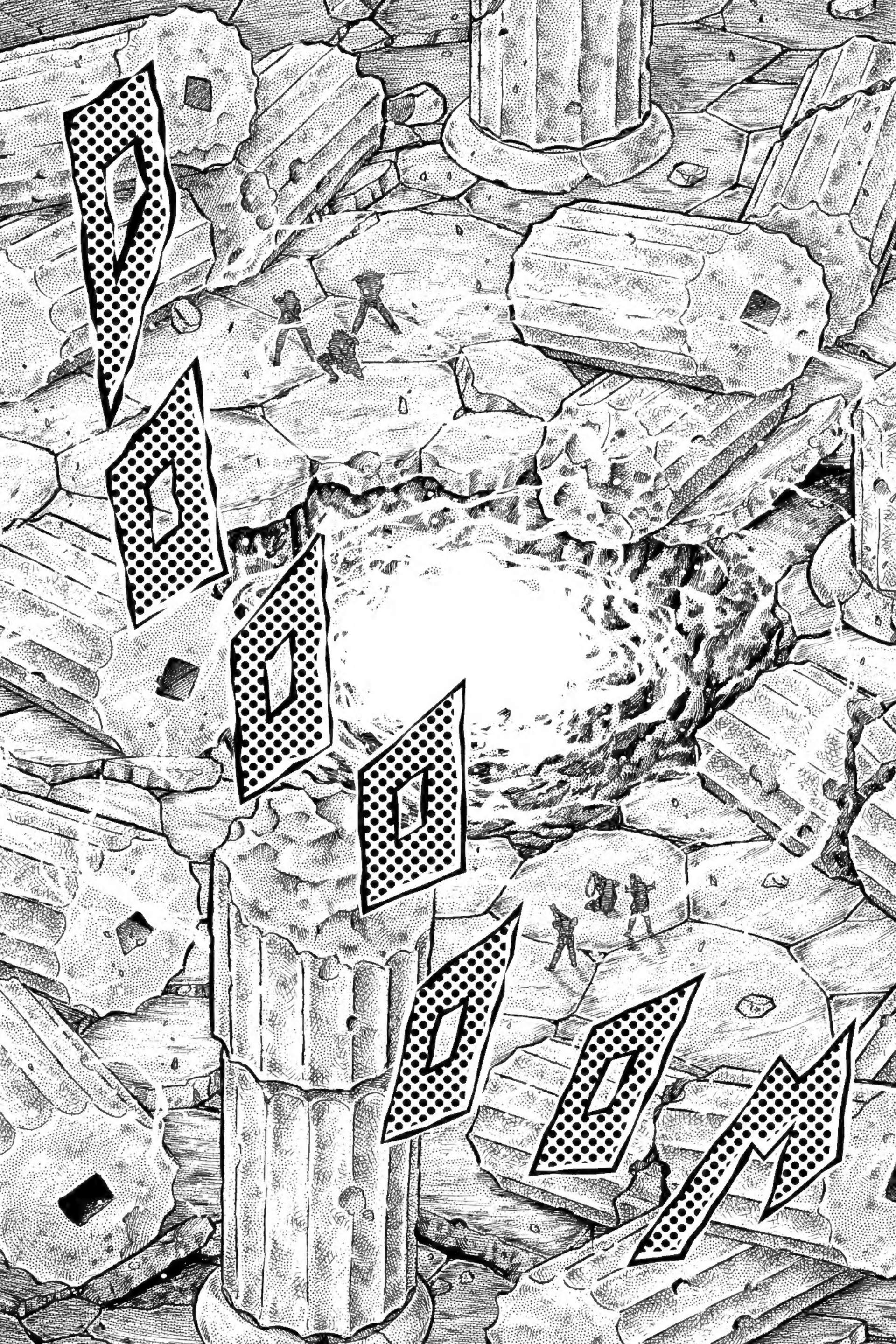
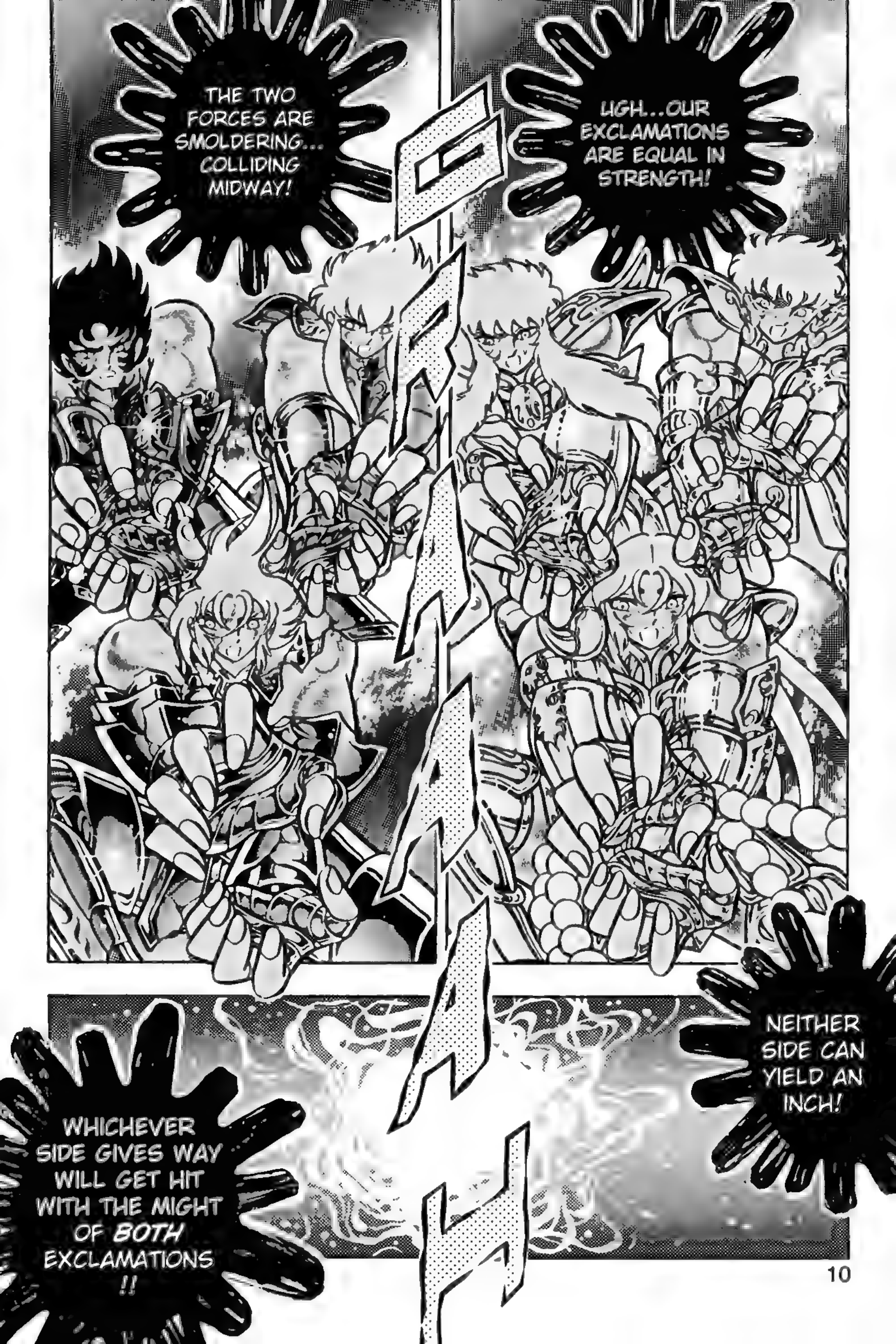
OF THE
ZODIAC

BOOM
ATHENA RESOLVES TO DIE!
DOES THAT MEAN *TWO* TRIOS HAVE USED THE FORBIDDEN MOVE?
THAT'S A DEATH WISH!
THAT WAS THE SOUND OF TWO ATHENA EXCLAMATIONS COLLIDING!
BOOM
N...NO WAY!
ARE THEY TRYING TO DESTROY *EVERYTHING?*


DOOOOOM


THE TWO FORCES ARE SMOLDERING... COLLIDING MIDWAY!
UGH...OUR EXCLAMATIONS ARE EQUAL IN STRENGTH!
NEITHER SIDE CAN YIELD AN INCH!
WHICHEVER SIDE GIVES WAY WILL GET HIT WITH THE MIGHT OF *BOTH* EXCLAMATIONS !!

HUH?
WH... WHAT'S THIS NEW POWER?
THERE'S SOMEONE HERE WHO MIGHT TIP THE BALANCE!!
WHAT?
NO! WE'RE BEING PUSHED BACK LITTLE BY LITTLE!!
WHO BESIDES THE SIX OF US COULD HAVE THIS MUCH POWER?
THIS COSMO I SENSE BEHIND MÛ AND THE OTHERS...
IT... IT'S...

SHIRYÛ !!
GRAAH !!

SHIRYÛ, NO! DON'T!
GET OUT OF HERE WHILE YOU CAN!!
YOU'LL BE DRAGGED INTO THE MAELSTROM AND TORN APART!!
WH... WHAT?
WITHOUT A GOLD CLOTH, YOUR BODY CAN'T WITHSTAND THE SHOCK!!
HURRY!! RUN!!
N...NO WAY. IF I WERE PLANNING TO RUN, I WOULDN'T HAVE SHOWN UP AT ALL...
NO MATTER HOW PUNY MY STRENGTH...IF I CAN PUSH BACK HADES JUST A LITTLE...SO BE IT!
GA

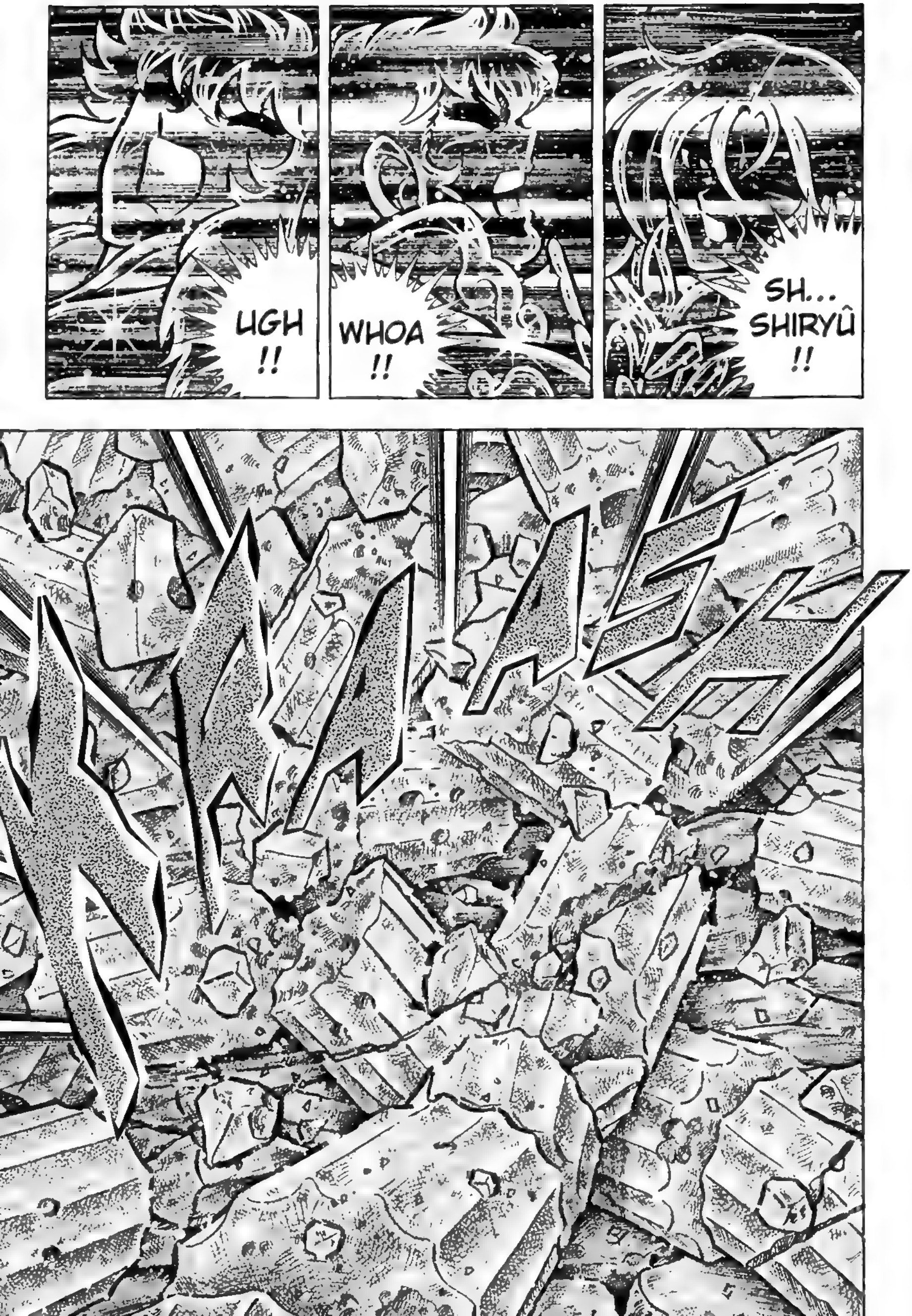
UNH...WE'RE GETTING PUSHED BACK...
ARRGH...
AT THIS RATE, SHIRYÛ'S POWER WILL HELP BLOW US AWAY!
KNOW THIS, SHIRYÛ! YOU WON'T ESCAPE UNSCATHED!!
ARE YOU PREPARED TO DIE?
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME! I'M A KNIGHT OF ATHENA!!
OF COURSE I'M PREPARED TO DIE!!

TAKE THIS: MY MAXIMUM ELEVATED COSMO!!
THE DRAGON'S ULTIMATE MOVE!!

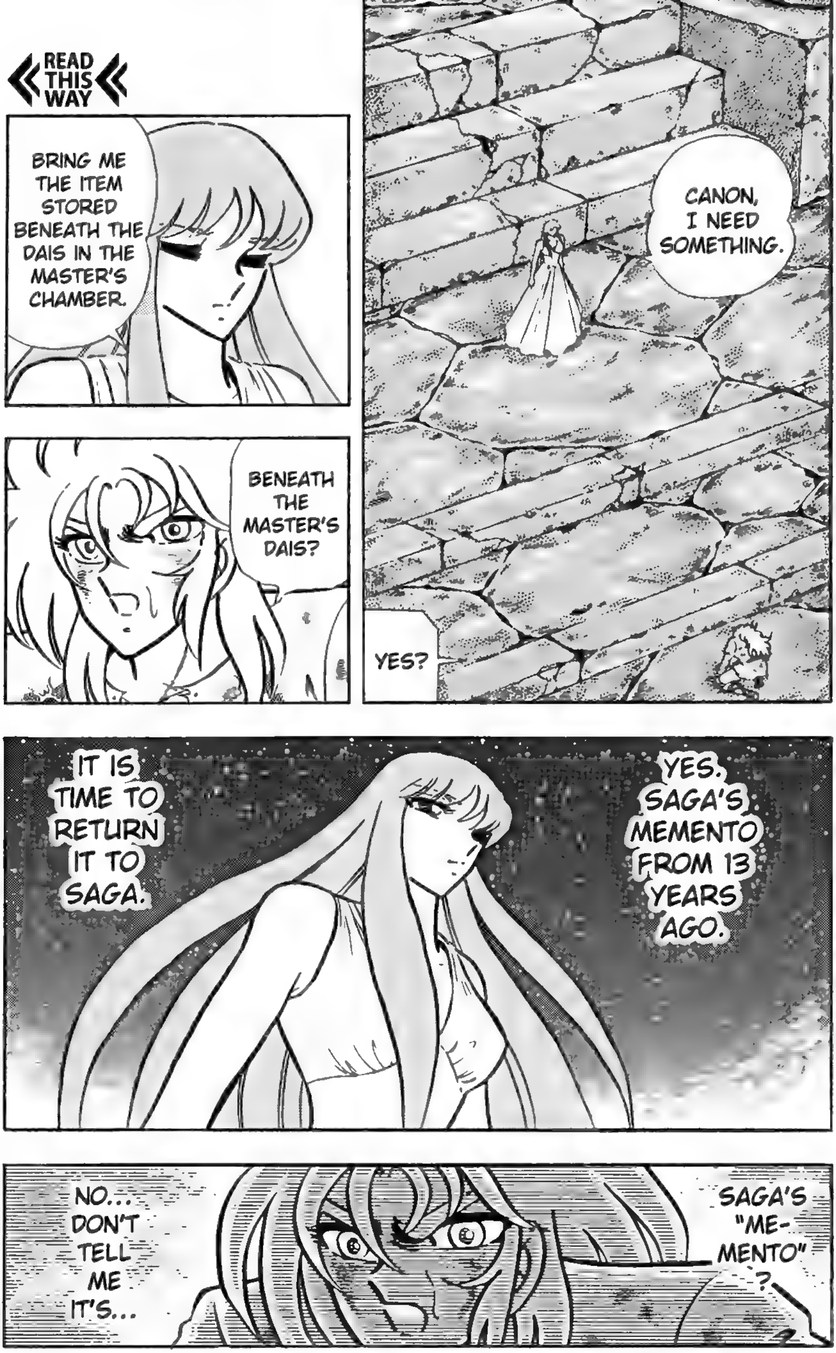
ROZAN'S RISING DRAGON BLOW!!

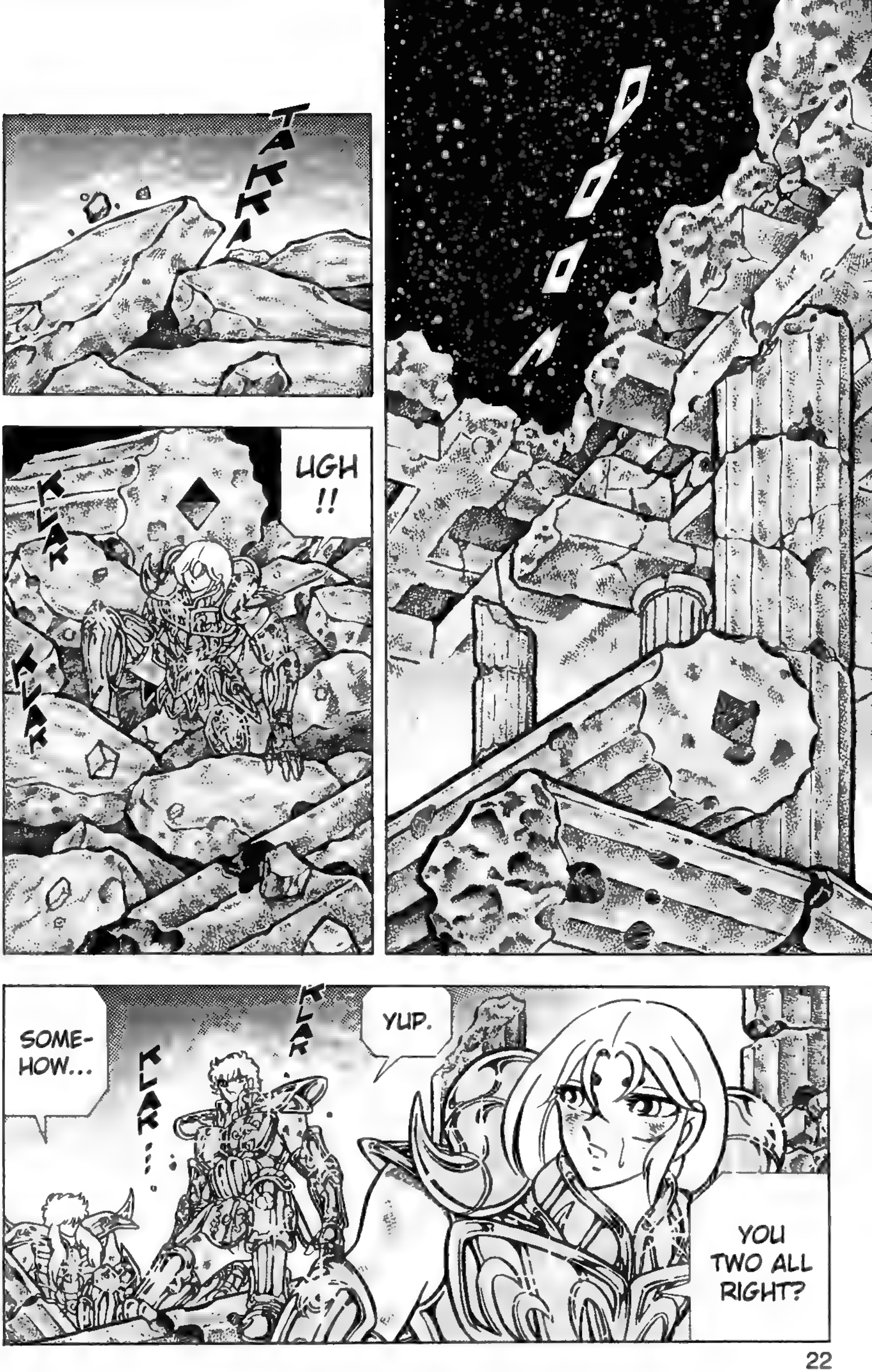
KA
BO
OM
WAAAAAAH!!

READ THIS WAY

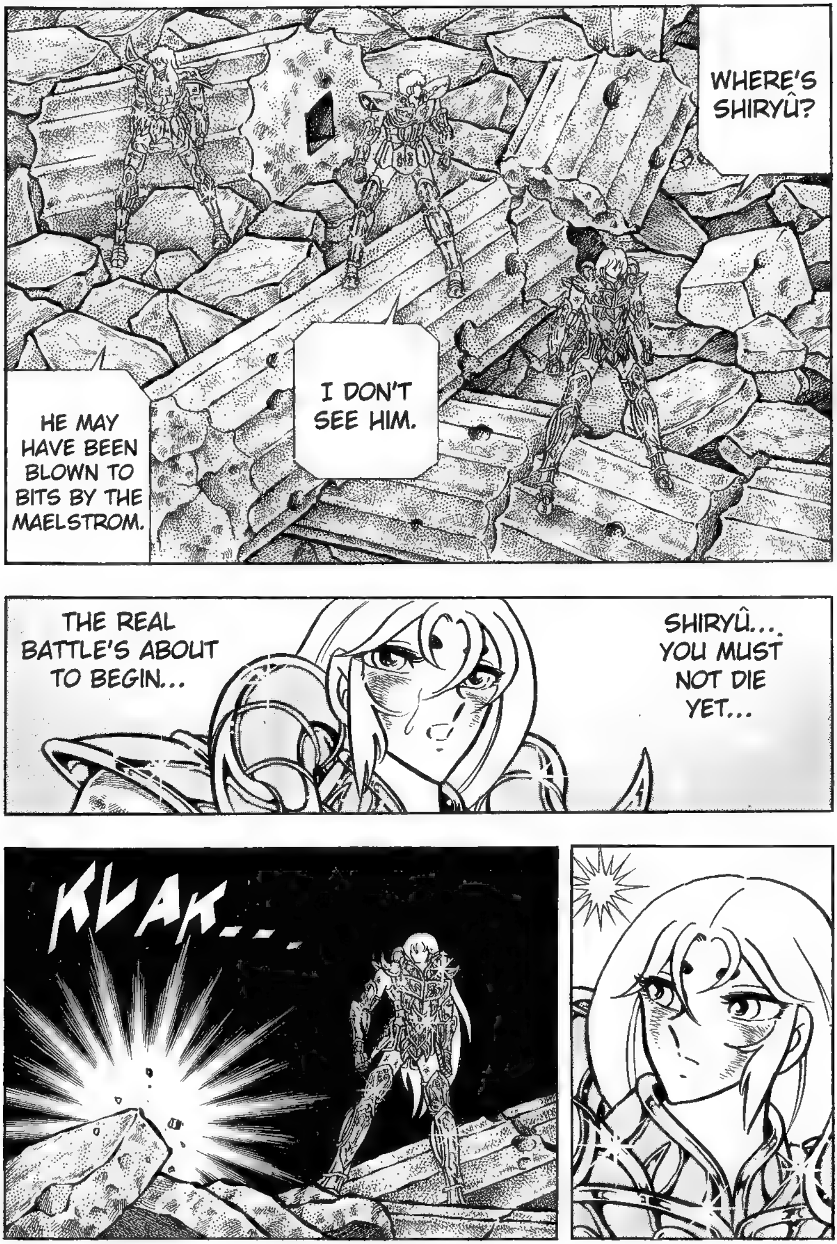


CANON!
CANON, WHERE ARE YOU?
HERE, PRINCESS ...
SWISH
THERE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN VIOLENT CLASHES AT THE PALACE OF THE MAIDEN, BUT THEY'RE OVER NOW.
BE AT PEACE, MILADY.


READ THIS WAY
CANON, I NEED SOMETHING.
YES?
BRING ME THE ITEM STORED BENEATH THE DAIS IN THE MASTER'S CHAMBER.
BENEATH THE MASTER'S DAIS?
YES. SAGA'S MEMENTO FROM 13 YEARS AGO.
IT IS TIME TO RETURN IT TO SAGA.
SAGA'S "MEMENTO"?
NO... DON'T TELL ME IT'S...


TAKKA
UGH !!
KLAK
KLAK
YOU TWO ALL RIGHT?
YUP.
SOME-HOW...
KLAK
KLAK...

READ THIS WAY



HFF
HFF
HFF
SAGA!
I WON'T LET SHIRYÛ'S DEATH BE IN VAIN. PREPARE YOURSELF!
YOU SORE LOSER...STILL HANGING ON, EH?
DIE!!

READ THIS WAY
HOLD!!
WHAT?
OH!
TH... THAT VOICE!!

IT'S NOT HER VOICE...
NO...
IT'S HER WILL SPEAKING DIRECTLY INTO OUR MINDS!
AHH...
AH...

SHIIING

ATHENA !!
MIRO... MÛ... AIORIA.
I HAVE A REQUEST.

PLEASE DO NOT INTERFERE FURTHER WITH SAGA AND THE OTHERS.
BUT... ATHENA!
ESCORT THE THREE OF THEM TO ATHENA'S SHRINE IMMEDIATELY.
MILADY, THIS IS FOLLY! THEY WANT TO TAKE YOUR LIFE!!
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS TO LET THEM NEAR YOU!! BESIDES...
WHA...
WHAT?

READ THIS WAY

SHOOM
WHAT HAPPENED TO MÛ? THERE'S NO ONE HERE AT THE PALACE OF THE WHITE RAM.
IT'S BEEN OVER EIGHT HOURS SINCE THE BATTLE STARTED.
SHUN!!
HYÔGA! WHOA!

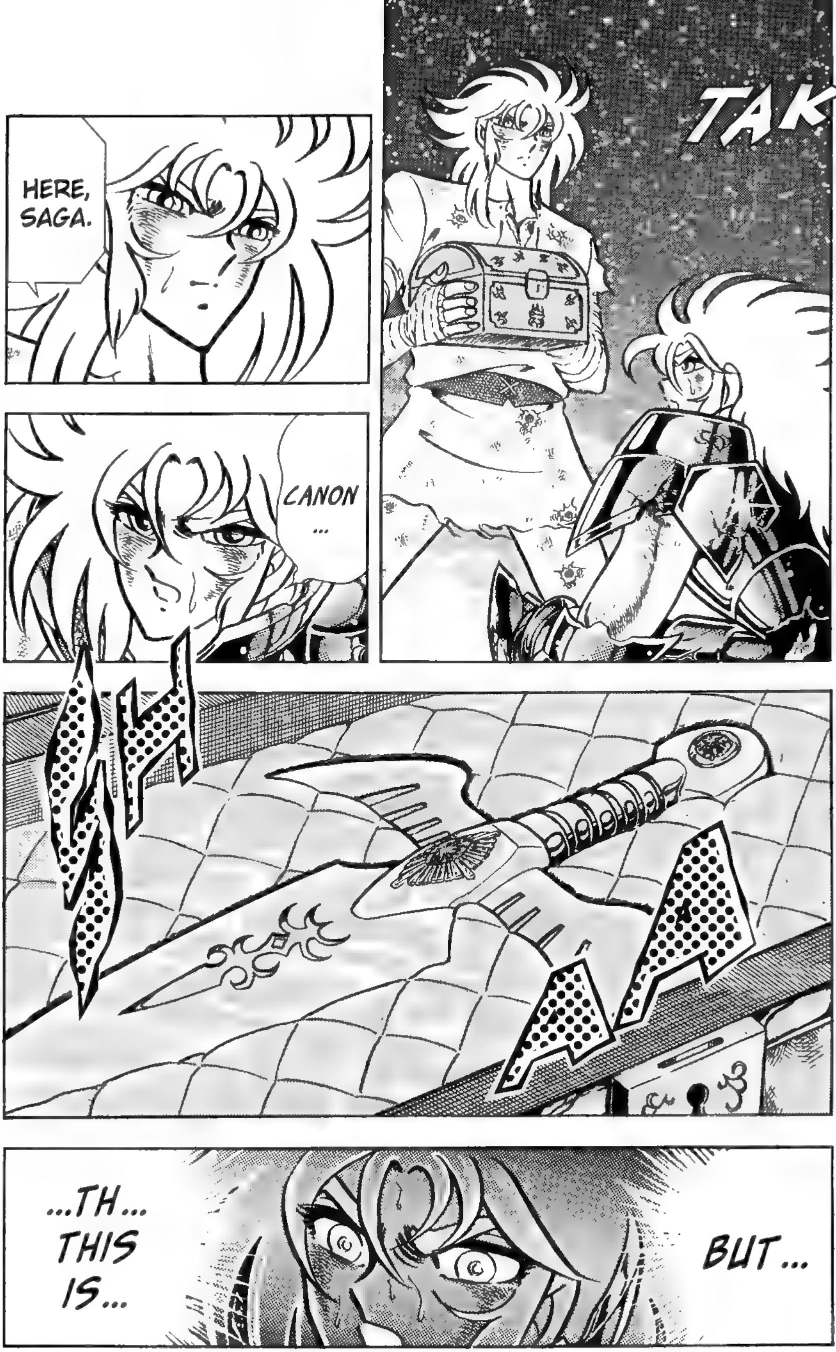
I HOPE SEIYA AND SHIRYÛ ARE ALL RIGHT.
I'M SURE A LOT HAS HAPPENED ALREADY.
PRIN-CESS SIENNA?
I'M WORRIED ABOUT ATHENA'S COSMO, TOO...
BAD FEELING? HYÔGA... DON'T TELL ME...
YEAH...I'VE HAD A BAD FEELING THIS WHOLE TIME.
WELL... LET'S HURRY, ANYWAY.
IT'S PROBABLY JUST MY IMAGINATION RUNNING AWAY WITH ME.
YEAH !!
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO, SHUN!!
SHOOOM

UNH ...
WHERE AM I?
WHOOSH...
STAR HILL?
I...I SEE...
MÛ BLASTED ME HERE TO SAVE ME.

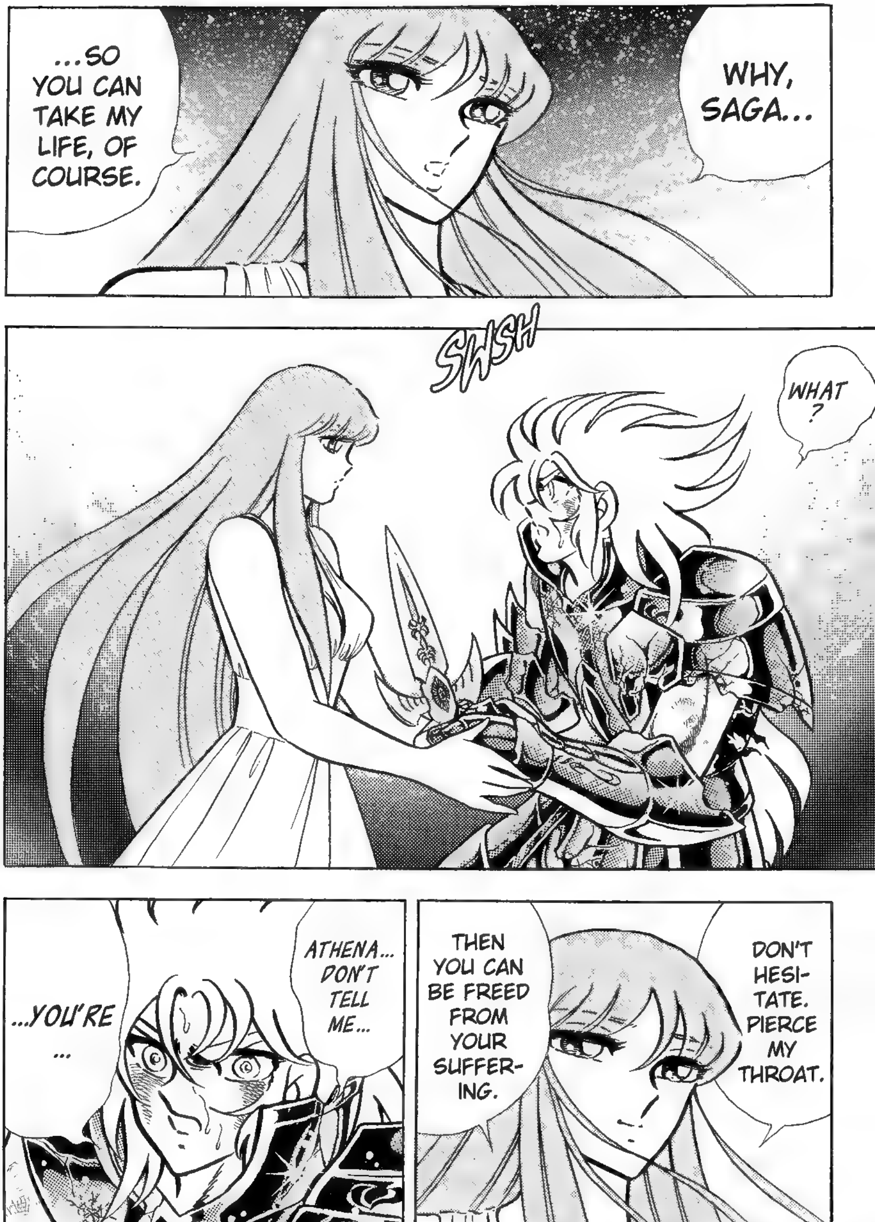
READ THIS WAY
WOW...A LOT OF FLAMES HAVE GONE OUT ON THE ZODIAC FIRE CLOCK. TIME'S RUNNING OUT.
WHOOOOOSH
I'VE GOTTA GET BACK TO THE 12 PALACES AND PROTECT ATHENA!
WH... WHAT'S THIS UNEASINESS I FEEL?
I'VE NEVER FELT SUCH AN OMINOUS VIBE!
NO... NO WAY...
ATHENA CAN'T BE...

DOOOM
WE BROUGHT SAGA AND THE OTHERS, AS YOU ORDERED.
THEY'RE PRETTY CLOSE TO DEATH, THOUGH.

UNH...
ATHENA ...
A...
CANON, PLEASE GIVE SAGA THE ITEM.
YES, MILADY.


HERE, SAGA.
TAK
CANON ...
...TH... THIS IS...
BUT...

THAT'S RIGHT, SAGA. THIS IS THE GOLDEN DAGGER...
...WITH WHICH YOU, POSING AS THE MASTER, TRIED TO TAKE MY LIFE 13 YEARS AGO!!
NO...
WHAT ?
WH...
WHY GIVE ME THIS NOW?


WHY, SAGA...
...SO YOU CAN TAKE MY LIFE, OF COURSE.
SWSH
WHAT?
ATHENA... DON'T TELL ME...
...YOU'RE ...
DON'T HESI-TATE. PIERCE MY THROAT.
THEN YOU CAN BE FREED FROM YOUR SUFFER-ING.

HEH...
SPURT

NO !!
UNH !!
SCREEECH
HYÔGA !!
N...
NO!

A... ATHENA ...

PRINCESS SIENNA IS DEAD!!
ATHENA'S CLOTH

ATHENA
!!
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
WHY... WHY?
WHY DID YOU PIERCE YOUR OWN THROAT?

ATHENA
!!

CASTLE HADES...
WHAT? ATHENA, DEAD?
HEE HEE! YES, JUST GOT THE REPORT FROM A RETURNING FAERIE.
SEEMS SHE STABBED HERSELF WITH A DAGGER CARRIED BY SAGA. HEE HEE HEE...

READ THIS WAY

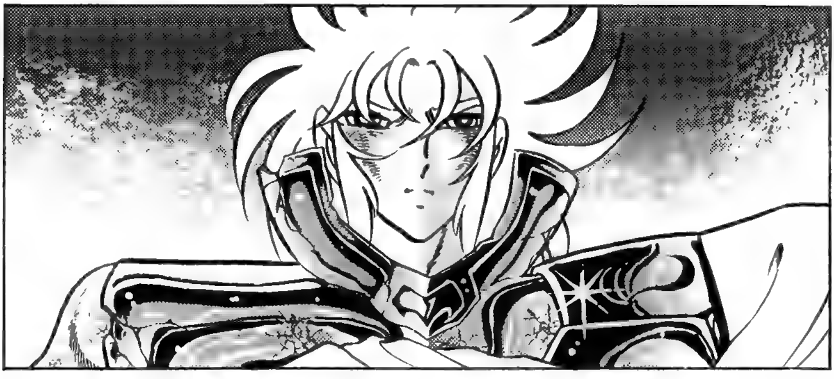
TRRR UM
RHADA-MANTHYS!
HOW DARE YOU DEPLOY SPECTERS WITHOUT MY LEAVE?

I'M SIMPLY LESS OPTIMISTIC.
NO! I AM EVER HIS FAITHFUL SERVANT.
LADY PANDORA... PLEASE FORGIVE ME.
DO YOU MEAN TO DISOBEY LORD HADES'S WILL?
WHY HAS ATHENA TAKEN HER OWN LIFE?
IT MUST MEAN SOME-THING...
THWANG
NO! PLEASE! WAIT!
LADY PANDORA, FORGIVE ME!!

ARRRGH !!
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP
MY WORDS ARISE DIRECTLY FROM LORD HADES'S WILL. THOSE WHO FAIL TO HEED THEM, NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE, SHALL RECEIVE ETERNAL DEATH.
ZAP
ARRRGH !!

READ THIS WAY

KLAK
LADY!
SAGA AND THE OTHERS HAVE JUST RETURNED, BEARING ATHENA'S BODY!
YES. WHAT IS YOUR WILL?
WHAT! WITH ATHENA'S CORPSE?
IT'S... GOT...TO BE...A TRAP...
NO! DON'T!
VERY WELL...I SHALL SEE THEM. LET THEM PASS.
YES, MA'AM !!

DOOOOOM


...BUT WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP PRINCESS SIENNA'S DEATH!
KRUNCH
I DON'T BELIEVE IT. WHAT GOOD ARE WE?
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE ATHENA'S KNIGHTS...
SEIYA ...
NOT A SINGLE THING... ARRGH...
OH!
WE WERE POWER-LESS... KNIGHTS IN NAME ONLY...
I'VE NEVER FELT SO MISERABLY HELPLESS BEFORE.

FEH. WHAT ARE YOU SIMPERING ABOUT?
SH
ATHENA MAY BE DEAD...
...BUT THE REAL BATTLE'S ABOUT TO BEGIN.

SHION!
WHO ARE YOU?
THAT VOICE!!
VOOSH
WHAT?
HE'S THE OLD MASTER OF SANCTUARY, THE ONE WHO TURNED TRAITOR AND JOINED HADES!
WHERE'S RÔSHI? WHAT DID YOU DO TO DÔKO, SHION?
HOW DARE YOU? YOU WERE A KNIGHT ONCE!
WHAT?
HEH... KNIGHTS IN NAME ONLY, STEP ASIDE.
FOR ATHENA!
ATTACK!!

BE STILL, LADS !!

SMASH
CRASH
GAH!
ARGH!
UNH...
UGH...
LISTEN CLOSELY, LADS.
I WILL NOW TELL YOU THE MEANING OF ATHENA'S AND SHAKA'S DEATHS...AND EVERYTHING ELSE.
AND, AS MASTER, I HAVE ORDERS FOR YOU...

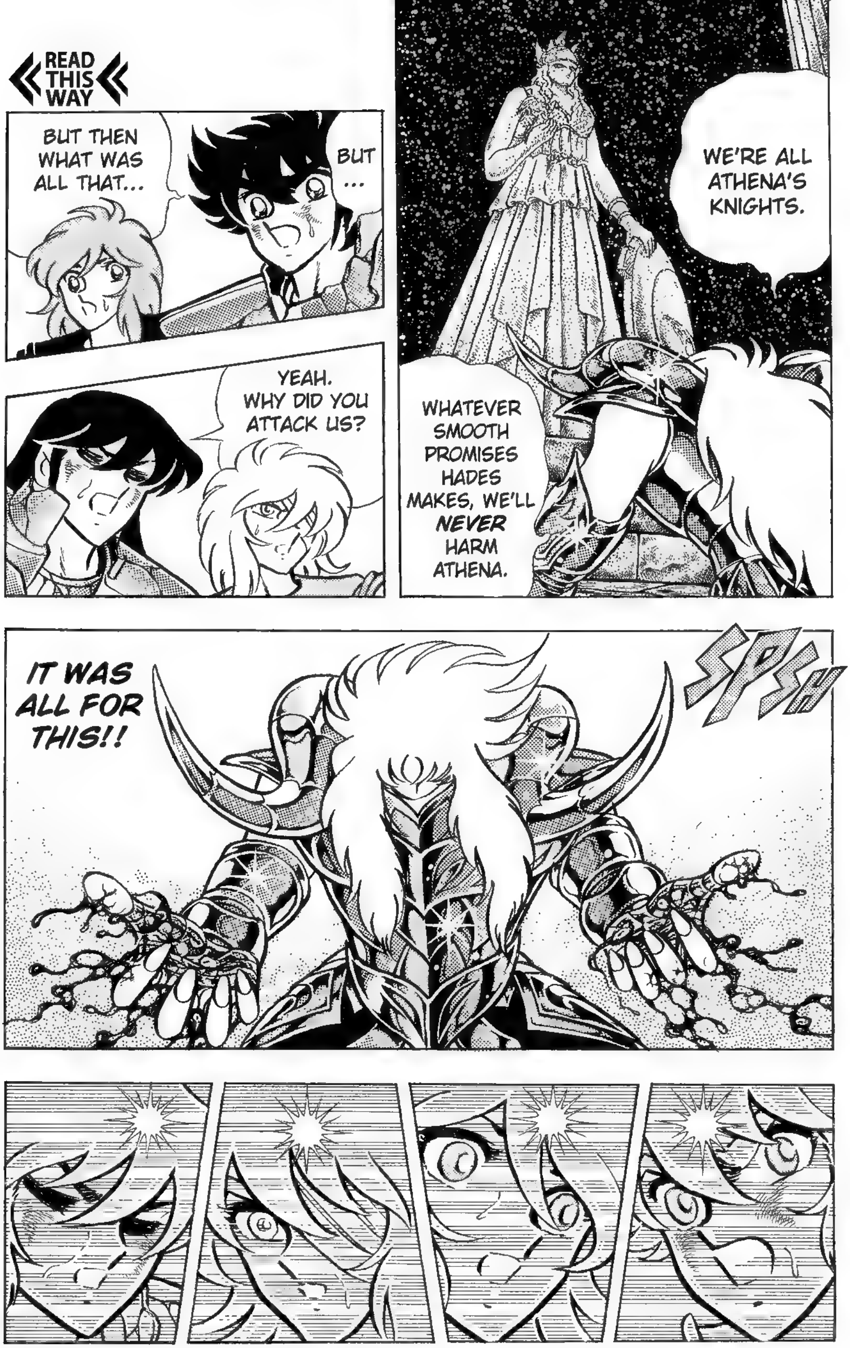
INVADE CASTLE HADES AT ONCE AND TAKE HADES DOWN!!
THE TIME HAS COME TO CRUSH HIS AMBITIONS!!

WHA...
WHAT?

DOOM
TAKE HADES DOWN?
SHION, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

READ THIS WAY
KRNCH
ATHENA... I DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD CHOOSE DEATH...
YOU TRULY UNDERSTOOD THE PAIN WE HID IN THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS...
HUH? ARE YOU CRYING?
YOU'RE ONE OF THE TRAITORS WHO DROVE ATHENA TO HER DEATH!!

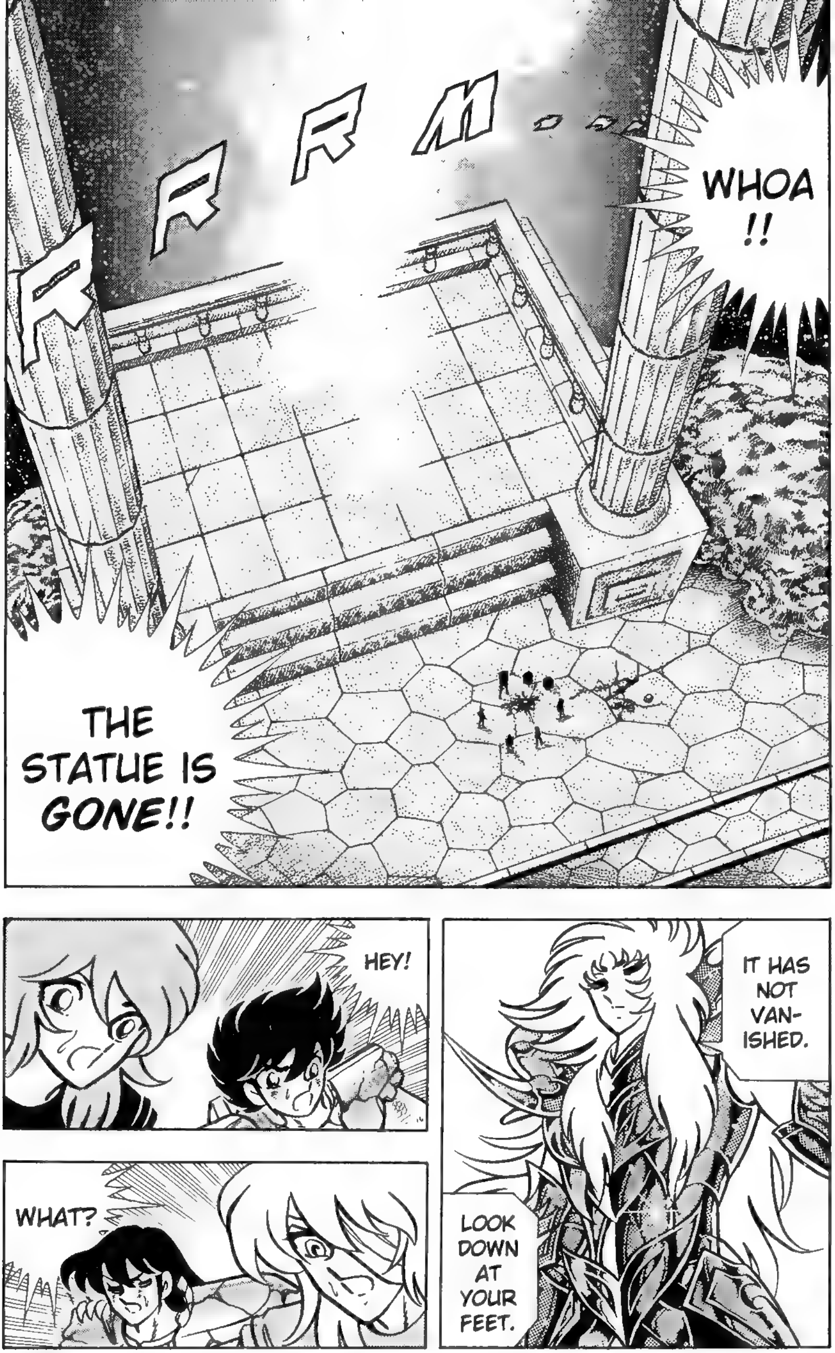
I TOLD YOU, BE STILL!!
THAT'S RIGHT !!
WHAT'S THE DEAL HERE? ARE YOU FRIEND OR FOE?
UGH!
HEY!
WHA ...
WHAT ?
DID YOU REALLY THINK ANY OF US WOULD SIDE WITH HADES?
EVEN DEAD, WE'RE STILL ATHENA'S KNIGHTS !!


READ THIS WAY
BUT ...
BUT THEN WHAT WAS ALL THAT...
YEAH. WHY DID YOU ATTACK US?
WE'RE ALL ATHENA'S KNIGHTS.
WHATEVER SMOOTH PROMISES HADES MAKES, WE'LL *NEVER* HARM ATHENA.
SPSH
IT WAS ALL FOR THIS!!

SACRED CLOTH!!
AFTER 243 YEARS, IT IS ONCE MORE TIME FOR YOU TO AWAKEN!!
AWAKEN AGAIN IN GREAT ATHENA'S BLOOD!!

FLA
-SH
WHAT THE...
ATHENA'S STATUE ABSORBED THE BLOOD...
...AND STARTED SHINING AND VIBRATING !!
WHAT'S GOING ON?

KABOOM
WAAH !!
WHOOOSHooo


RRRM...
WHOA !!
THE STATUE IS GONE!!
HEY!
WHAT?
IT HAS NOT VAN-ISHED.
LOOK DOWN AT YOUR FEET.

WHAT YOU SEE...
...IS ATHENA'S GREAT CLOTH.
IT SHRUNK! NOW IT'S *TINY*!!
OH!!
WHAT?
THIS?
ATHENA'S CLOTH?
SHING

...EVERY 200-ODD YEARS, THE BLOOD OF ATHENA HERSELF IS NEEDED TO RESTORE HER GREAT CLOTH.
JUST AS YOUR OWN CLOTHS REQUIRE HUMAN BLOOD TO BE REVIVED...
HOWEVER, THE ONLY ONE WHO KNEW THIS WAS I, THE PREVIOUS MASTER.
IF SHE IS TO FACE HADES AND TRIUMPH, ATHENA *MUST* DON HER CLOTH.

"YOU WHO WERE ONCE KNIGHTS OUGHT TO CLEAR THE 12 PALACES EASILY. IF YOU AGREE TO BRING ME ATHENA'S HEAD, I SHALL RELEASE YOU FROM THE WORLD OF DEATH AND GRANT YOU ETERNAL LIFE."
THAT WAS THE SITUATION WHEN HADES AWOKE US FROM OUR FINAL SLUMBER WITH THIS INVITATION...
WE PRETENDED TO TAKE HIS OFFER AND STORMED THE 12 PALACES...
...TO TELL ATHENA WHAT SHE MUST DO.

BUT WE HAD TO APPEAR TO BE ATHENA'S ENEMIES, NO MATTER WHAT...
...FOR THE ARMY OF HADES IS VIGILANT.
IF OUR TRUE PURPOSE WERE DISCOVERED, WE WOULD BE BANISHED IMMEDIATELY...
...AND ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR NAUGHT.
NOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE BITTER SORROW OF SAGA AND THE OTHERS...
...WHO HAD TO USE EVEN THE FORBIDDEN ATHENA EXCLAMATION TO DECEIVE HADES?
OH...
AH...

WITH ATHENA DEAD, IS THERE ANY HOPE LEFT?
TELL US, SHION... WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU. THE REAL BATTLE'S ABOUT TO BEGIN.
ATHENA AND SHAKA HAVE NOT ABANDONED SHIP.
YOU SEE...
HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

READ THIS WAY

SHION, WHAT...
YOU FLICKED ATHENA'S BLOOD ONTO OUR CLOTHS!
BRONZE CLOTHS, REVIVE WITH ATHENA'S BLOOD!!

OUR CLOTHS WERE FULL OF IRREPARABLE CRACKS, BUT NOW...
WHOA !!
HEY!
THESE ARE...

DAAH

TAAAH

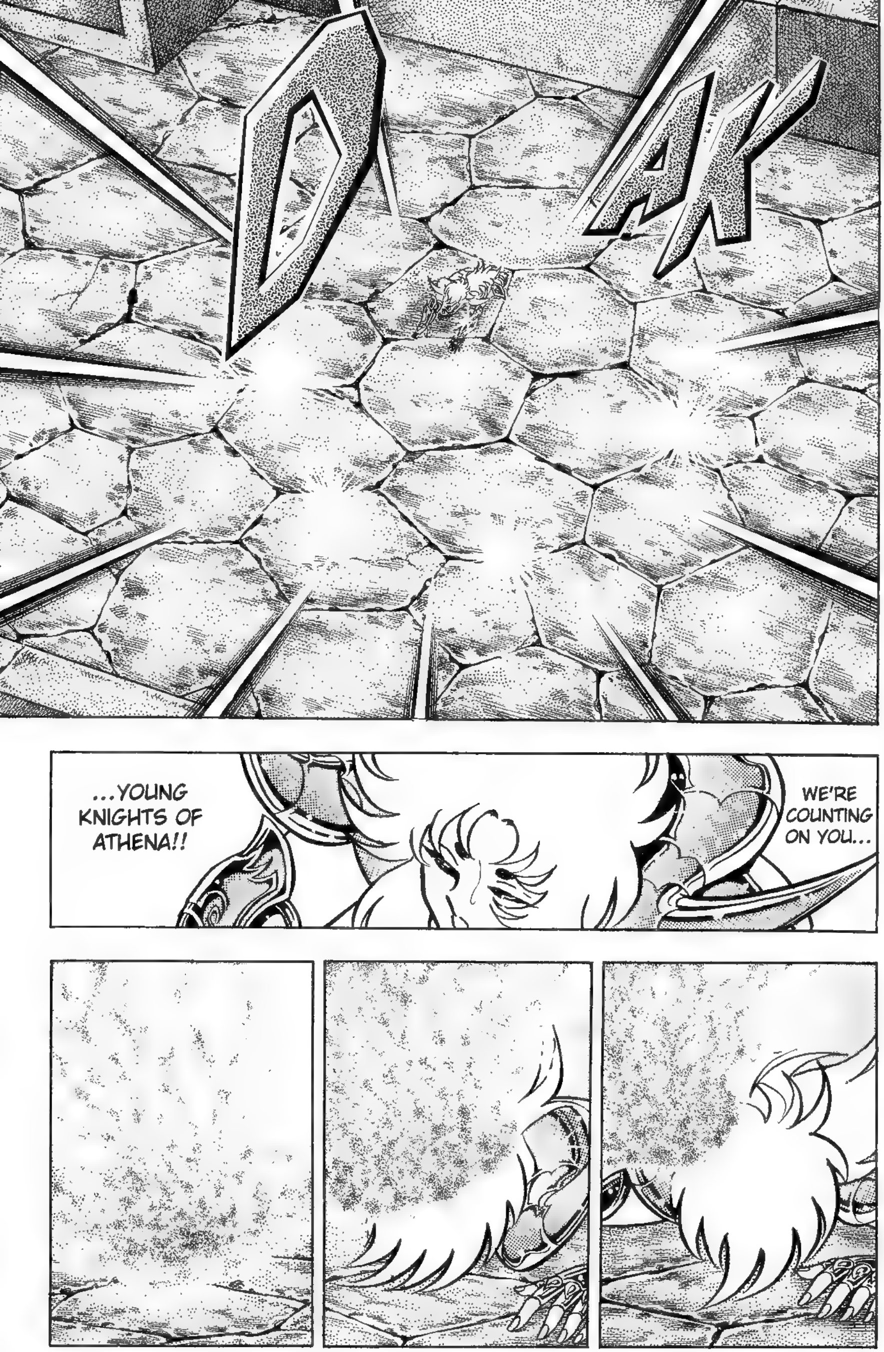
GO! NEW CLOTHS

NEW CLOTHS !!

THAT'S RIGHT... REVIVED BY ATHENA'S BLOOD, THEY ARE TRULY...
...THE ULTIMATE, FINAL FORMS OF YOUR CLOTHS.
THP
UNH...

SHION
!!
DAKKA

FORGET ABOUT ME...HEAD TO CASTLE HADES AT ONCE...
IF YOU HURRY...YOU CAN STILL FOLLOW THE COSMOS OF SAGA...AND AIORIA...
A...AND... DON'T FORGET...
...YOU MUST DELIVER ATHENA HER CLOTH...
ALL RIGHT.
WE SWEAR !!
YUP...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AK
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU...
...YOUNG KNIGHTS OF ATHENA!!

SHION, FORGIVE ME... IT SEEMS YOU SUFFERED PAINS WORSE THAN DEATH.
THOSE OF US WHO STILL LIVE SWEAR TO TAKE HADES DOWN.
BUT I SWEAR IT WILL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN.
UNTIL THEN... FAREWELL, MY FRIEND...
AFTER THAT, I SHALL PROBABLY JOIN YOU.

IF ATHENA AND SHAKA ARE STILL FIGHTING, LIKE SHION SAID...
THAT'S RIGHT!! OUR REAL BATTLE'S ABOUT TO BEGIN, TOO!!
WE'LL PROTECT ATHENA AND STOP HADES!!
THIS IS THE TIME FOR ACTION!!
LET'S GO!!
YEAH !!

CASTLE HADES...
THE ONCE ALMIGHTY GOLD KNIGHTS HAVE SERVED US WELL.
OF COURSE, IF YOU'D FAILED, YOUR TEMPORARY LIVES WOULD HAVE ENDED AT SUNRISE ANYWAY.
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN DESPERATE.

DOOOOM
ATHENA'S CORPSE IS OURS WITHIN THE 12 HOURS.
FIRST, ONE THING.
WHAT IS IT?
NOW REMOVE THAT CLOTH AND LET ME GAZE UPON ATHENA'S LIFELESS FACE.

KRUNCH
LORD HADES PROMISED US ETERNAL LIFE IF WE KILLED ATHENA, CORRECT?
THEN...
LORD HADES IS EVER KIND OF HEART. HE WOULD NEVER LIE TO YOU. BE AT PEACE.
HO, IS THAT ALL?
...WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT ATHENA'S CORPSE TO LORD HADES DIRECTLY.
WHAT? GO BEFORE LORD HADES?
ABSOLUTELY NOT! HE IS A GOD. HE DOES NOT SHOW HIMSELF TO MERE HUMANS.
IT WILL BE ENOUGH FOR ME TO SEE IT. REMOVE THAT CLOTH!!

READ THIS WAY

WH... WHAT'S ALL THIS BLOOD?
ATHENA'S BLOOD, OF COURSE.
WHERE'S THE BODY?
BLOOD ALONE IS NOT PROOF OF HER DEATH.
I'M NOT SURE...IT DISAPPEARED IN TRANSIT.
PERHAPS ATHENA WENT TO SEE LORD HADES DIRECTLY.
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, SLIME!!
THIS IS INSOLENCE TO LADY PANDORA!!
WHAT?

RARGH
!!

MY ARM CONTAINS EXCALIBUR. IF YOU MOVE, I WILL BEHEAD YOU.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A HATED ENEMY, WE DON'T LIKE TO HARM WOMEN.
BUT IF YOU WANT YOUR HEAD TO REMAIN ATTACHED TO YOUR BODY, TAKE US TO HADES.
FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

READ THIS WAY
ARRGH ...
TO TAKE HIS HEAD, OF COURSE.
THAT IS OUR TRUE WILL.
I SEE... ONCE ATHENA'S KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT, EH?
SO EVERYTHING UP TO NOW WAS A SHAM TO MISLEAD US.
BUT HAVEN'T YOU FOR-GOTTEN SOME-THING?
WH...
WHAT?

WAAAH
!!

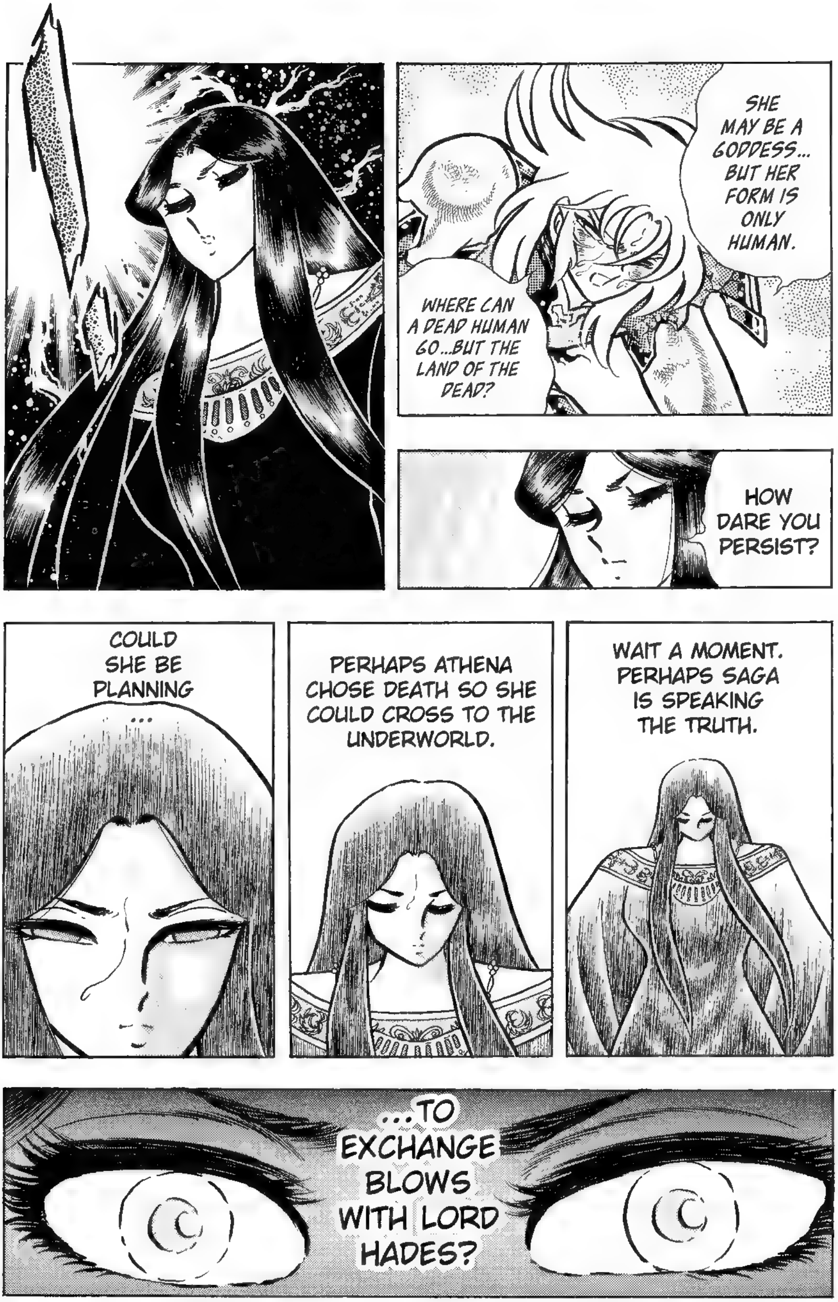
FOOLS! YOU EXIST HERE ONLY THROUGH THE TEMPORARY LIFE LORD HADES GRANTED YOU!!
UNGRATEFUL SOULS!! RETURN TO THE UNDERWORLD FOR YOUR ETERNAL TORMENT!!

DOOOOOM
AARGH...
UNNH...
OUR LAST OUNCES OF STRENGTH... SUCKED AWAY...
WHAT... HAVE YOU DONE TO US?
HEH. I DID NOTHING.

SHAAA
THE ENTRANCE TO THE UNDERWORLD

YOU WERE MERELY BATHED IN THE WEAK RAYS OF THE MORNING SUN.
THE 12 HOURS OF LIFE LORD HADES GRANTED YOU...
...HAVE COME TO AN END.

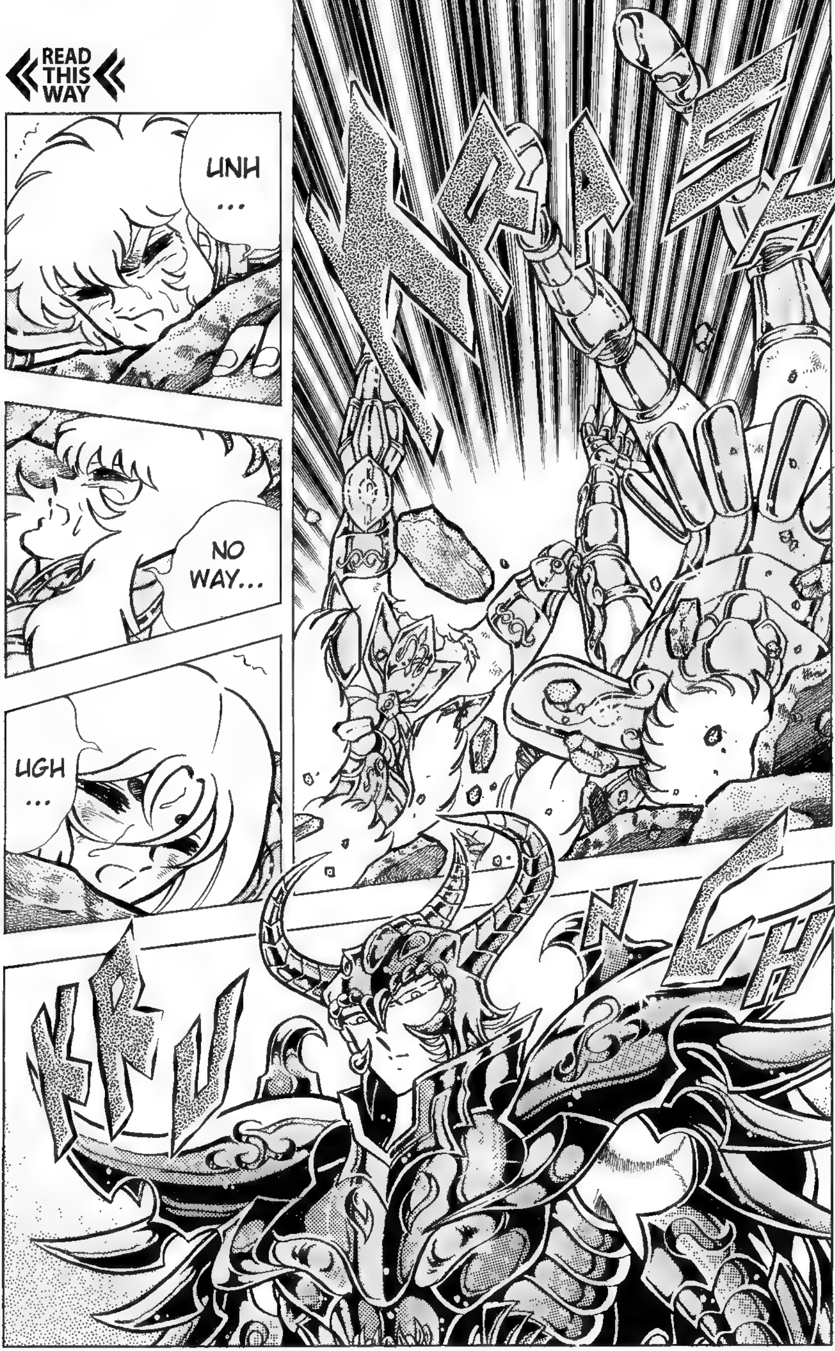
READ THIS WAY


SHE MAY BE A GODDESS... BUT HER FORM IS ONLY HUMAN.
WHERE CAN A DEAD HUMAN GO...BUT THE LAND OF THE DEAD?
HOW DARE YOU PERSIST?
WAIT A MOMENT. PERHAPS SAGA IS SPEAKING THE TRUTH.
PERHAPS ATHENA CHOSE DEATH SO SHE COULD CROSS TO THE UNDERWORLD.
COULD SHE BE PLANNING ...
...TO EXCHANGE BLOWS WITH LORD HADES?

READ THIS WAY

WHAT CAN ATHENA ACCOMPLISH ALONE IN THE UNDERWORLD, WHERE LORD HADES REIGNS SUPREME?
WHERE ALMOST 100 SPECTERS AWAIT HER?
ATHENA SHALL BE CUT DOWN BEFORE SHE EVEN APPROACHES HIS THRONE ROOM!!

READ THIS WAY



LORD RHADA-MANTHYS! MOST OF THE CASTLE GUARD HAS DEPARTED FOR THE UNDERWORLD, SIR!
AS PER LADY PANDORA'S ORDERS, CASTLE HADES WILL BE DESTROYED. PLEASE HURRY, SIR.
I KNOW.
SO YOU TRAILED SAGA HERE, LIKE MOTHS DRAWN TO FLAME.
UNH ...
FIRST I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THESE RATS I FOUND SCAMPERING ABOUT.
THREE GOLDEN RATS!

IT CAN'T BE!!
IT'S RHADA-MANTHYS, ONE OF THE THREE GENERALS OF THE UNDER-WORLD.
BUT NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL HE IS, I CAN'T BELIEVE THE THREE OF US CAN DO NOTHING...

HOW MANY LESSONS DO YOU NEED? YOUR PUNY FISTS STING LESS THAN MOSQUITOES!
UGH ...
THIS CASTLE IS PROTECTED BY LORD HADES'S SACRED WILL.
HIS SHIELD DRAINS OUR ENEMIES OF MOST OF THEIR POWER.

GAH !!
BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG.
YANK
EVEN IF YOU *WERE* FIGHTING AT FULL STRENGTH, YOU COULD NEVER DEFEAT ME.
HERE, YOU HAVE ONLY A *TENTH* OF YOUR TRUE STRENGTH!

HERE'S A PIT TO THE UNDERWORLD. IT'S TOO MUCH BOTHER TO KILL YOU, SO I'LL JUST TOSS YOU IN ALIVE!
WHIP
AAAAAARGH!!
A...
AIORIA !!

NOW ALL THE GOLD KNIGHTS HAVE BEEN EXTERMINATED!!
FALL INTO THE LAND OF THE DEAD AND SUFFER FOR ETERNITY!!
IF THEY'D LEFT ATHENA'S ARMY TO ME FROM THE START, IT WOULD'VE BEEN OVER IN NO TIME!
TAKE THIS!!
WAAAAH!!

BAM
BAM
SHEESH, I'M COLD! EVER SINCE YOU HIT ME, I'VE BEEN FREEZING COLD!!
BAM
HOW DARE YOU HIT ME? ME, LORD FROG? GRR!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ZELOS?
ER...LORD RHADA-MANTHYS ...
THE REST OF THE CASTLE GUARD HAS LEFT FOR THE UNDERWORLD, BUT YOU'RE STILL HERE?
Y-YES, SIR... I WAS JUST METING FINAL PUNISHMENT TO THESE INGRATES...

STOP WASTING YOUR ENERGY. THOSE THREE ARE ABOUT TO TURN TO ASH ANYWAY.
YES, SIR, BUT THIS ONE HIT ME.
HMM...I COULD HAVE SWORN ONE OTHER GOLD KNIGHT ENTERED THIS CASTLE.
PERHAPS IT WAS MY IMAGINATION...OR ELSE...
CUR! YOU MAY BE DOOMED, BUT I STILL CAN'T LET YOU GO!!
WHAT? SUDDENLY, I SENSE OTHER COSMOS APPROACHING!!
WHAT IS GOING ON?

CRACK

GAH!!

WHO ARE YOU?
THUD
YIKES !!
ATHENA'S KNIGHTS, OF COURSE!!
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO SUFFER, SPECTERS!!

CLENCH
HOW DARE YOU KNOCK DOWN LORD FROG?
I'LL SHOW YOU!!
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
WH... WHAT?

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO HURT ME?
YOU HAVE NO IDEA!!
OKAY, WHAT HAPPENS?
Y...Y... Y...
THIS !!

READ THIS WAY

HUH ?
CRASH
NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT.
N... N...
NO WAY!
AARGH !!

DAKKA
HYÔGA ...
CAMUS... MASTER ...

IN YOUR RIGHT ARM...
...SLEEPS EXCALIBUR, MY GIFT TO YOU...
SHURA !!
MY DEAR SHIRYÛ, DO NOT FORGET.
SAGA !!
AS YOUR MENTORS...AND AS GOLD KNIGHTS... PERHAPS WE DIDN'T DO ENOUGH FOR YOU.
BUT... AT THE VERY LEAST ...

AT LEAST ...
DON'T WORRY, SAGA.
AT LEAST ...
...WE'LL INHERIT YOUR WILLS...
...AND MAKE SURE NONE FORGET...

...THE GOLD KNIGHTS WHO DEFENDED JUSTICE EVEN AFTER DEATH.
LORD RHADA-MANTHYS! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
CLOP
OH!
AIEE...NOW IT'S MY LEG! THE LEG THAT BLOND BRAT STRUCK FEELS *FROST-BITTEN!*
THEY'RE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH THIS!

THEY ARE MERE BRONZE KNIGHTS. LET THEM BE.
ARE YOU GOING TO LET THEM BEAT ME UP?
NO WAY !!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE BRATS?
LADY PANDORA HAS ORDERED ALL SPECTERS TO RETURN TO THE UNDERWORLD AND GUARD LORD HADES. WE MUST HURRY.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM ALL BY MYSELF...
VERY WELL. YOU DON'T NEED TO GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY, LORD RHADA-MANTHYS.
HA! I ONLY NEED A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO WRAP THIS UP!
THIS CASTLE WILL COME CRASHING DOWN ANY MINUTE. THERE'S NO TIME, ZELOS.

COME ON!!
HEY, YOU FOUR! COME AT ME ALL TOGETHER!!
CRUNCH
HYÔGA !!
MEN OUGHT TO SPEAK...
...LOUDER!
EH? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!
YOU KNOW, THE MAN YOU WERE KICKING WAS MY TEACHER.

EEK!!
WHAT'S THIS FROZEN AIR?
AIEE!! COLD!! COLD!!
CRUNCH
UGH!!
DIA-MOND DUST!!

BRRR ...
SO THAT'S WHY I FEEL FROZEN, JUST LIKE WHEN CAMUS HIT ME.
WH...WHAT DID YOU MUMBLE A SECOND AGO?
SOME-THING ABOUT CAMUS BEING YOUR...
TEACH-ER.
TEACH-ER?
LORD RHADA-MANTHYS...
COULD YOU LEND ME A HAND HERE? I...I FEEL LIKE I'VE CAUGHT A COLD...
AS YOU'RE ALWAYS REMINDING ME, FROG, LADY PANDORA IS QUITE FEARSOME.
IF I ARRIVE LATE, WHO KNOWS WHAT PUNISHMENT WILL BEFALL ME? I'M OFF.
EH?
B... BUT...

READ THIS WAY
BESIDES, YOU TOLD ME NOT TO GET MY HANDS DIRTY.
ARGH ...
WHOOM
ALL RIGHT!! IN THAT CASE, I'M NOT HOLDING BACK!!
FROG ZELOS IS COMING AT YOU AT FULL STRENGTH !!
DIE!!
MASTER CAMUS ...

...LET THIS BLOW BE MY PARTING GIFT TO YOU!
AURORA EXECUTION!!

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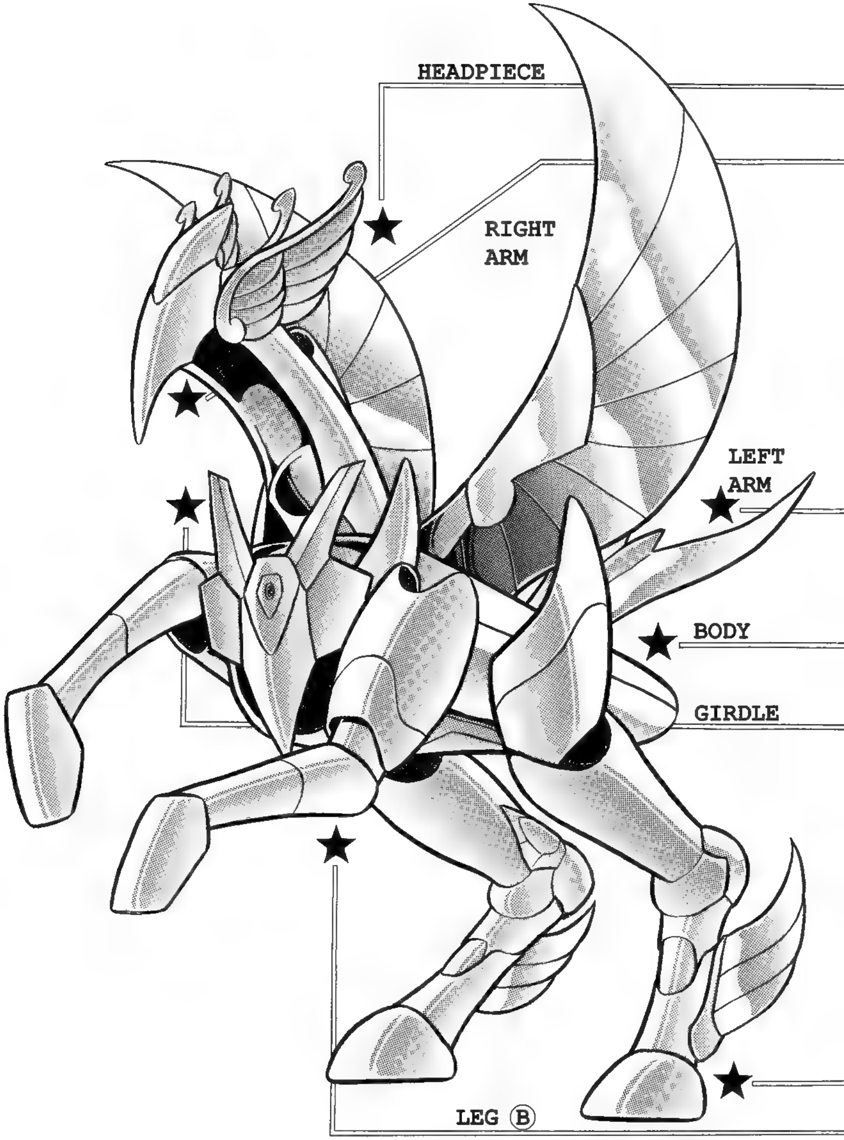

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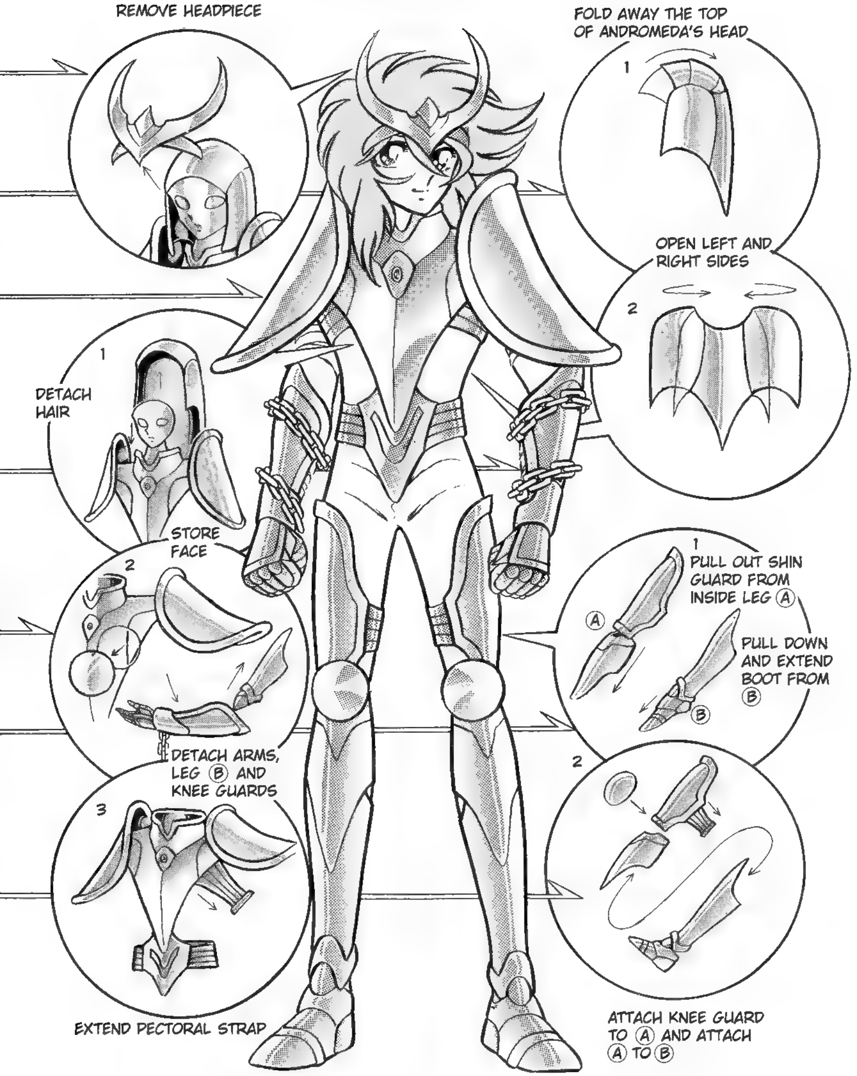

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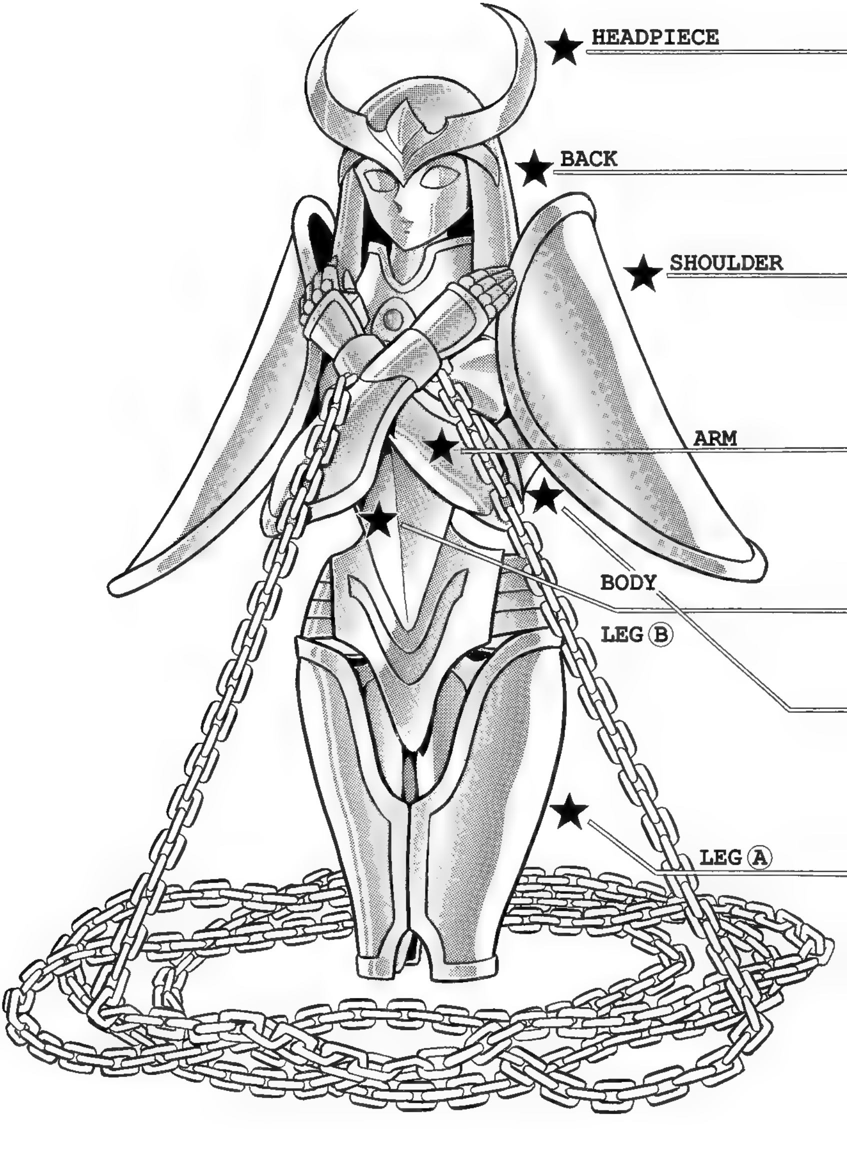

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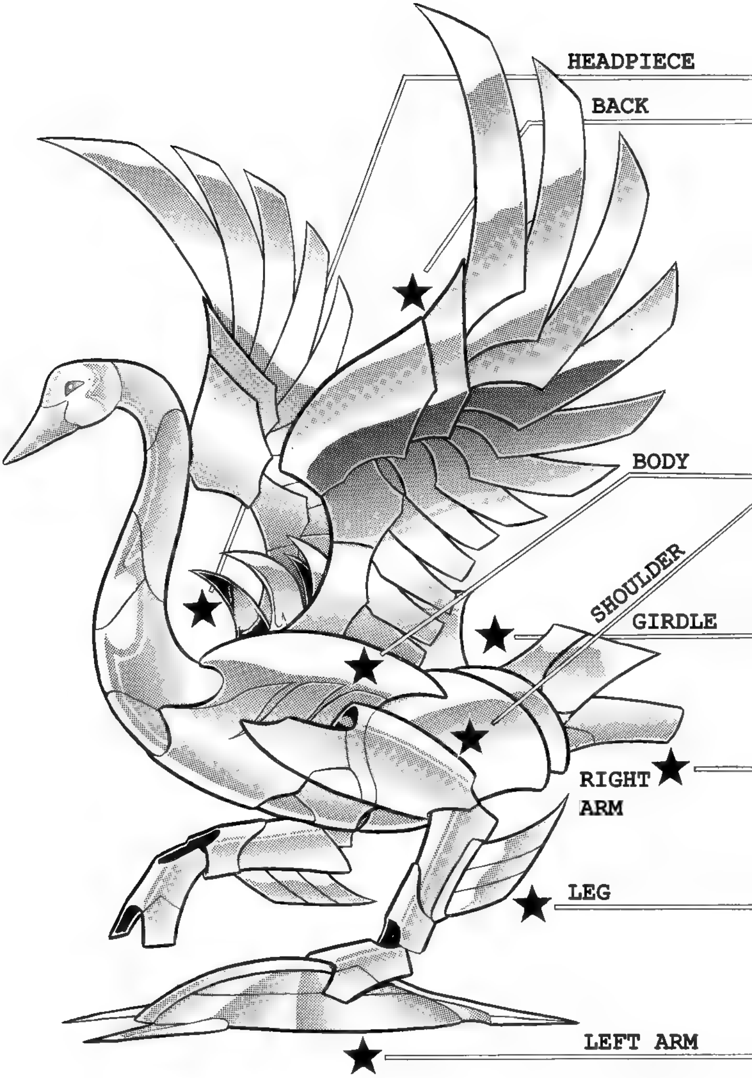

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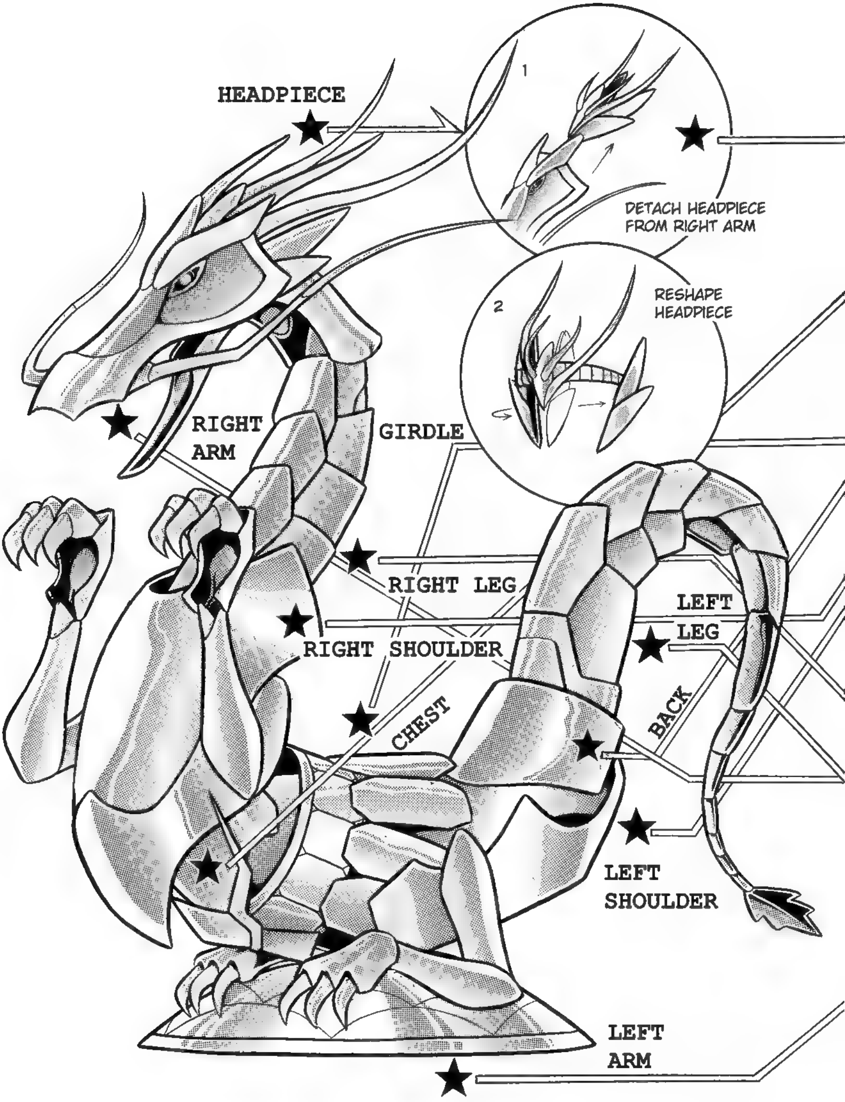

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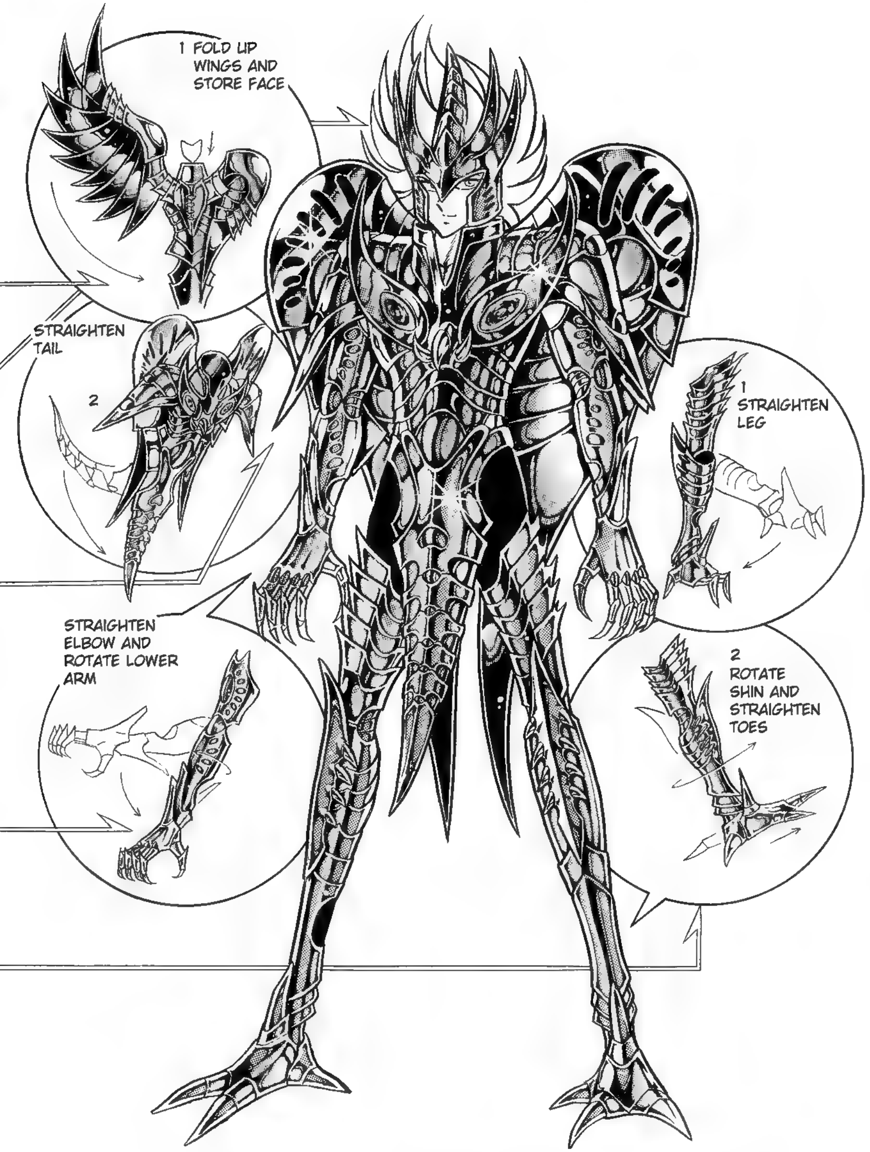

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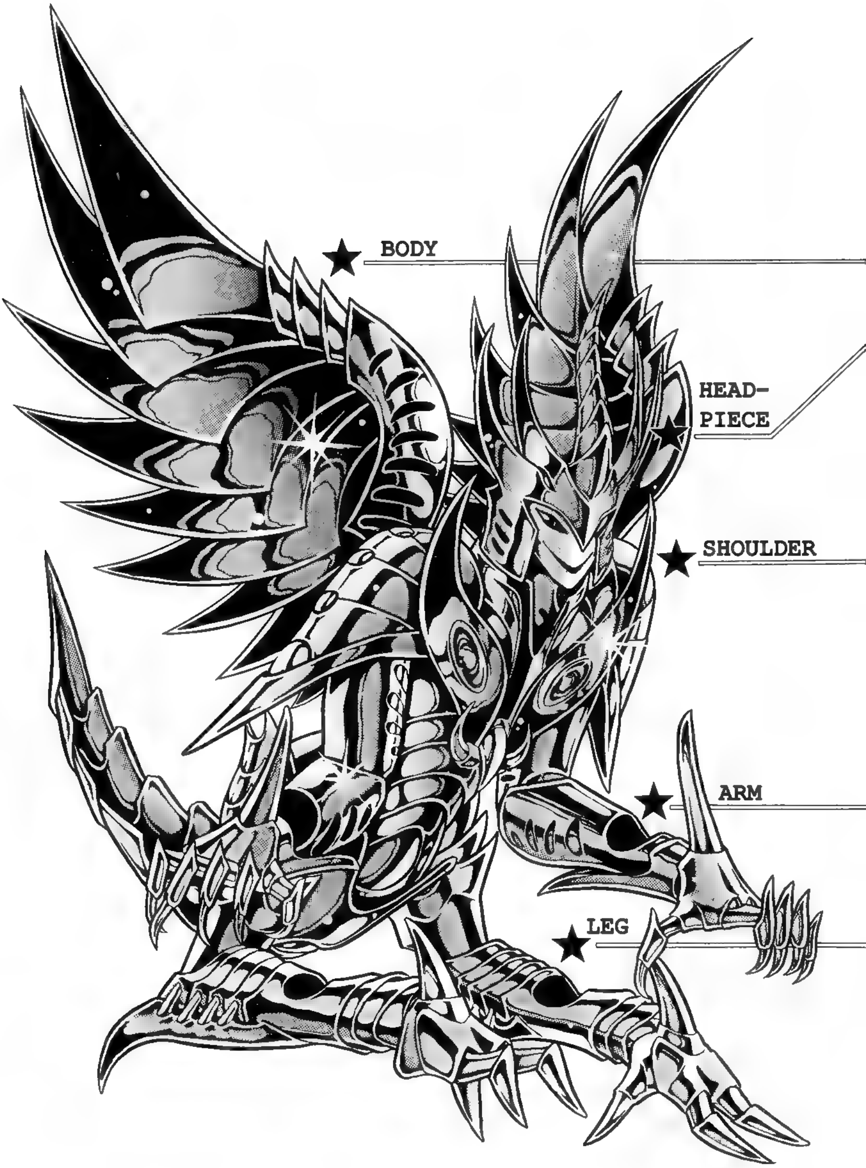
THE EARTHLY WAILING STAR HARPY SURPLICE


BODY
HEAD-
PIECE
SHOULDER
ARM
LEG

AWAKEN!! THE EIGHTH SENSE
AAAARGH!!!

READ THIS WAY

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, BIG GUY!!
"TURN"?
YEAH!
DON'T YOU GET IT?
YOUR TURN TO DIE!!

READ THIS WAY
WAIT, SEIYA!
HUH?
CAREFUL. HIS COSMO IS WAY OFF THE SCALE. IF YOU JUST RUSH HIM, YOU'LL BE THE ONE GOING DOWN.
GRR...
SHIRYÛ'S RIGHT. HE'S ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEN I'VE EVER SEEN.
YEAH, EVEN COMPARED TO THE GOLD KNIGHTS.
THIS RHADAMANTHYS MAY BE STRONGER THAN THE FOUR OF US COMBINED!!

HEH... LET ME SAVE YOU THE PAIN. A *HUNDRED* OF YOU PUT TOGETHER WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO TOUCH ME!
EVEN THE MOST POWERFUL OF YOUR GOLD KNIGHTS...
WHAT?
...THE ONES KNOWN AS AIORIA, MIRO AND MÛ...WERE HELPLESS AGAINST ME.
I JUST HURLED ALL THREE OF THEM INTO THE UNDER-WORLD.
NO WAY!

READ THIS WAY

HMPH!
SEIYA !!
KRUNCH
UGH!

NOW THAT WE KNOW THE GOLD KNIGHTS WERE BEATEN...
...IT GIVES US EVEN MORE REASON TO TAKE YOU DOWN!!
WITH THE GOLD KNIGHTS GONE...
...ONLY WE CAN SAVE THE EARTH FROM DARK-NESS!
WE CAN'T ALLOW HADES TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD!!
THEN I HAVE MY OWN DUTY: TO KILL YOU FOUR!!
TAKE ME TO THE UNDER-WORLD FIRST!!
SEIYA !!

WAAAH !!
SEIYA !!
WHAT WAS THAT?

KKSSH
SHOOOO
UNH...
HEH...NO NEED TO SULLY YOUR HANDS DISPOSING OF SUCH VERMIN, LORD RHADA-MANTHYS.
UGH!
OH!
YOU'RE STILL HERE...
... VALEN-TINE?
YES, MY LORD.
AND I'M NOT ALONE.

ALL THE SPECTERS OF YOUR PERSONAL GUARD!
THE ONLY SPECTERS WHO EVACUATED WERE THOSE UNDER LORD AIAKOS AND LORD MINOS.
VERY WELL! YOU ALL MAY LEAVE IMMEDIATELY AS WELL!

WITHOUT YOUR DIRECT ORDER, LORD RHADAMANTHYS, WE DO NOT BUDGE AN INCH, EVEN ON THREAT OF EXECUTION!
YOU MUST NOT FALL BEHIND THE OTHER TROOPS!
ATHENA HAS SUPPOSEDLY SNUCK INTO THE UNDERWORLD! YOU MUST PROTECT LORD HADES!
YES, SIR!!
KLIK

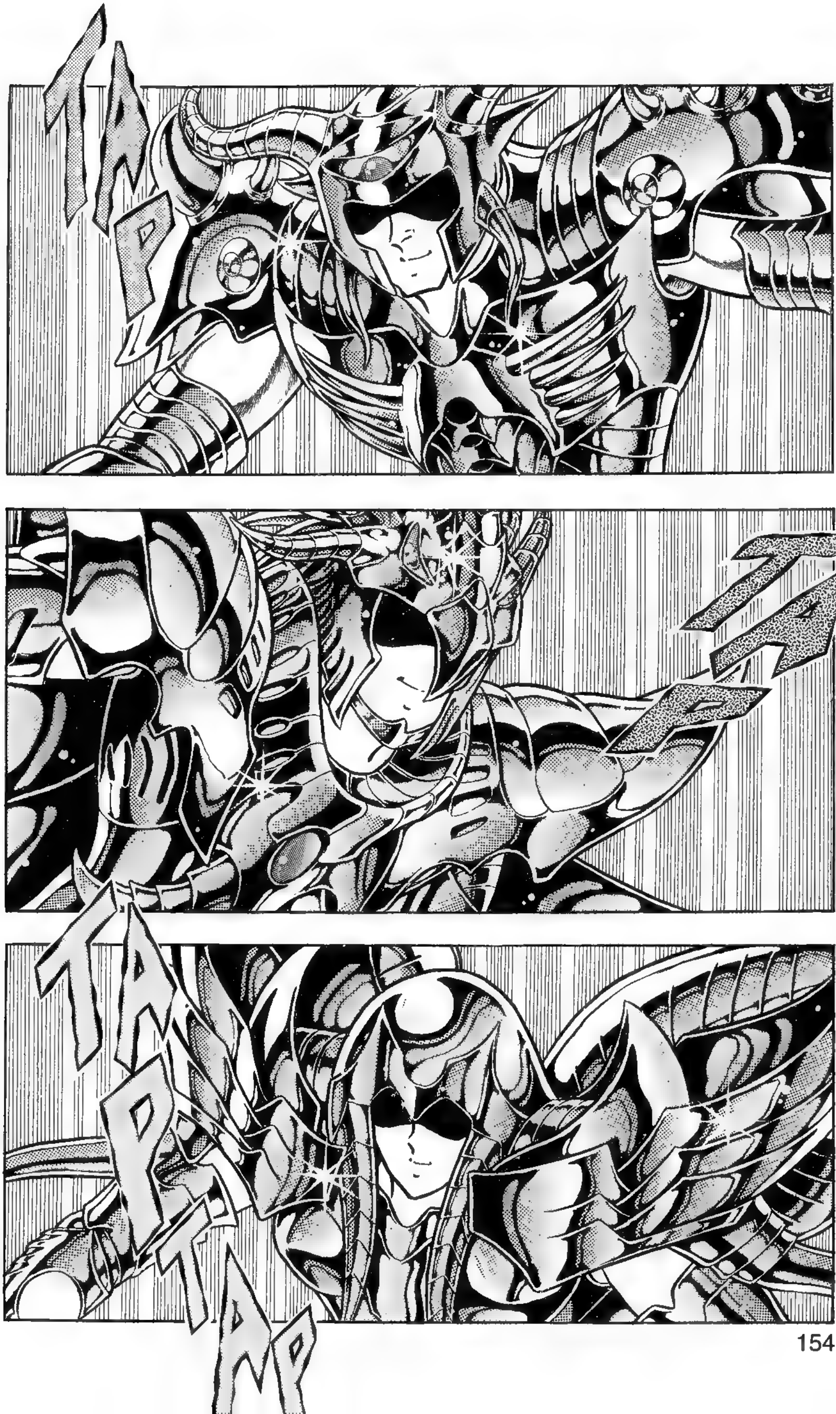
H... HANG ON...
hff
hff
UGH
I...I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU...
hff
hff
TAKE ME TO THE UNDER-WORLD!
PLEASE LEAVE THIS SCUM TO *ME*, LORD RHADAMANTHYS.
W... WAIT, RHADA-MANTHYS !!

LEARN YOUR PLACE! CHOKE ON YOUR OWN BLOOD AND DIE!!
UNH !!
HOW RUDE YOU ARE. LORD RHADA-MANTHYS IS ONE OF THE THREE GENERALS OF THE UNDER-WORLD!
HE HOLDS HIGH RANK AND IS MOST TRUSTED BY LORD HADES.
NORMALLY, THE LIKES OF YOU WOULDN'T EVEN GET *NEAR* HIM.
WHAT ?

SEIYA!!
WATCH YOUR OWN BACKS, KIDS!!
HEY!
WHAT?

OSH

FWOO


TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

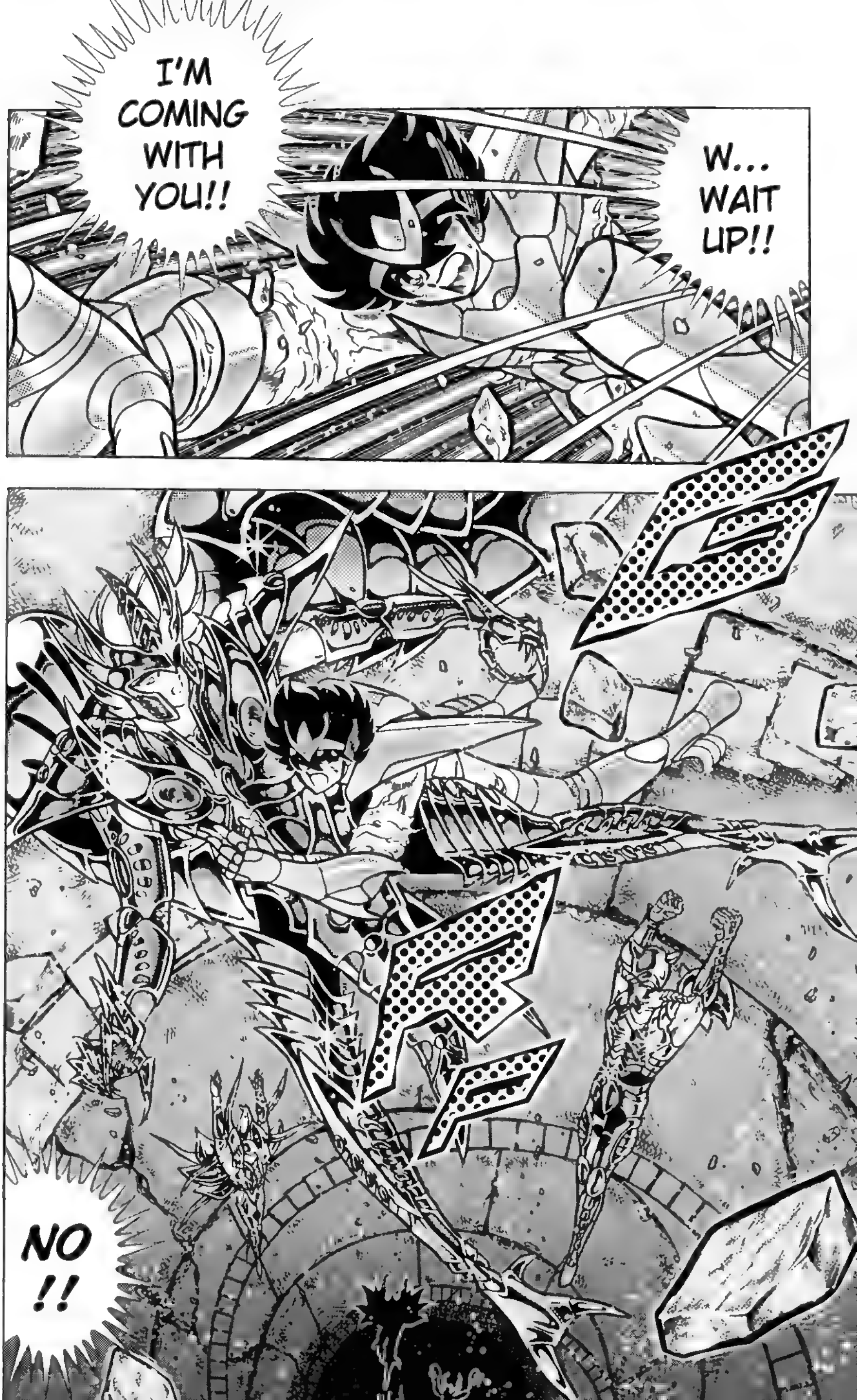
DOOOOOOM
LET THESE FOLK PERISH WITH THE CASTLE.
NOW, LORD, LET US BE ON OUR WAY.
IF THEY AREN'T FINISHED OFF NOW, THEY MAY BECOME A THREAT IN THE FUTURE...
HM...WAS I MISTAKEN? NO, I'M SURE THESE BRONZES HAVE BEEN SPLASHED WITH ATHENA'S BLOOD.

GRRRM...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LORD?
DO THESE BRONZES STILL CONCERN YOU?
NO...IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN A FALSE ALARM...
CASTLE HADES IS FALLING, LORD.
ALL RIGHT, LET'S GO!
YES, SIR!!

DON'T FALL BEHIND THE TROOPS OF AIAKOS AND MINOS!!
GO! DELIVER SURE DEATH TO THE INVADER ATHENA!!

W... WAIT...
hff
hff
hff
I DON'T KNOW WHY MY LORD BOTHERED TO FRET OVER YOU WHELPS, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO CHAT.
IF YOU STILL INSIST ON FIGHTING, COME SEE US IN THE UNDER-WORLD.
I AM THE CELESTIAL WAILING STAR HARPY VALENTINE !!

CELESTIAL DEMON STAR ALRAUNE QUEEN!!
CELESTIAL GAOL STAR MINOTAUR GORDON!!
CELESTIAL VICTORY STAR BASILISK SYLPHIDE!!
WE SHALL AWAIT YOU BELOW...
...THAT IS, IF YOU CAN MAKE IT THERE ALIVE! HEH HEH HEH...
UNH!


W... WAIT UP!!
I'M COMING WITH YOU!!
NO !!

SEIYA !!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY THAT EASILY! I'M TAGGING ALONG!
YOU FOOL! WHAT ARE YOU...
WH... WHAT ?
HEH...VERY WELL. THIS JUST SEALS YOUR DOOM.

SEIYA !!
THEY ALL DISAP-PEARED INTO THIS PIT.
I GUESS IT REALLY DOES LEAD TO THE UNDER-WORLD.
ALL RIGHT! WE'LL GO, TOO!
YEAH !!
WAIT !!

HEY!
HUH?
DO YOU BOYS HAVE A DEATH WISH?
WHO'S THERE?
THAT VOICE... RÔSHI!!
LIBRA DÔKO !!

THE SPECTERS CAN TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE UNDERWORLD BECAUSE THE WILL OF HADES PROTECTS THEM...
...BUT FOR HUMANS, JUMPING INTO THIS PIT IS SUICIDE. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN ALIVE.
BUT... SEIYA...
YES, HE MAY BE DEAD.
B... BUT...
RÔSHI !!
BUT IF SEIYA MANAGES TO AWAKEN HIS ALAYA CONSCIOUSNESS DURING THE DESCENT...
...HE MAY JUST SUCCEED IN REACHING THE UNDER-WORLD ALIVE.

HADES IS EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS. UNTIL THE EARTH IS FIRMLY UNDER HIS CONTROL, HE WILL NOT VENTURE FORTH FROM THE UNDER-WORLD.
TO DEFEAT HIM, ATHENA MUST GO TO HIM INSTEAD.
WASN'T "ALAYA" THE DEATH POEM THAT SHAKA SENT ATHENA ON FLOWER PETALS?
HIS WHAT?
MISSIVE?
IT WAS NOT A DEATH POEM. IT WAS SHAKA'S MISSIVE OF RESOLVE.
OF COURSE, IT'S EASY ONCE ONE IS DEAD, BUT THEN ONE WOULD BE UNDER HADES' RULE AND UNABLE TO BATTLE HIM.
BUT IT IS NOT EASY TO TRAVEL WHERE HADES HAS REIGNED SUPREME SINCE THE AGE OF MYTH.
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
ALIVE?
IN ORDER TO DEFEAT HADES...
...ONE MUST TRAVEL TO THE UNDER-WORLD ALIVE!!

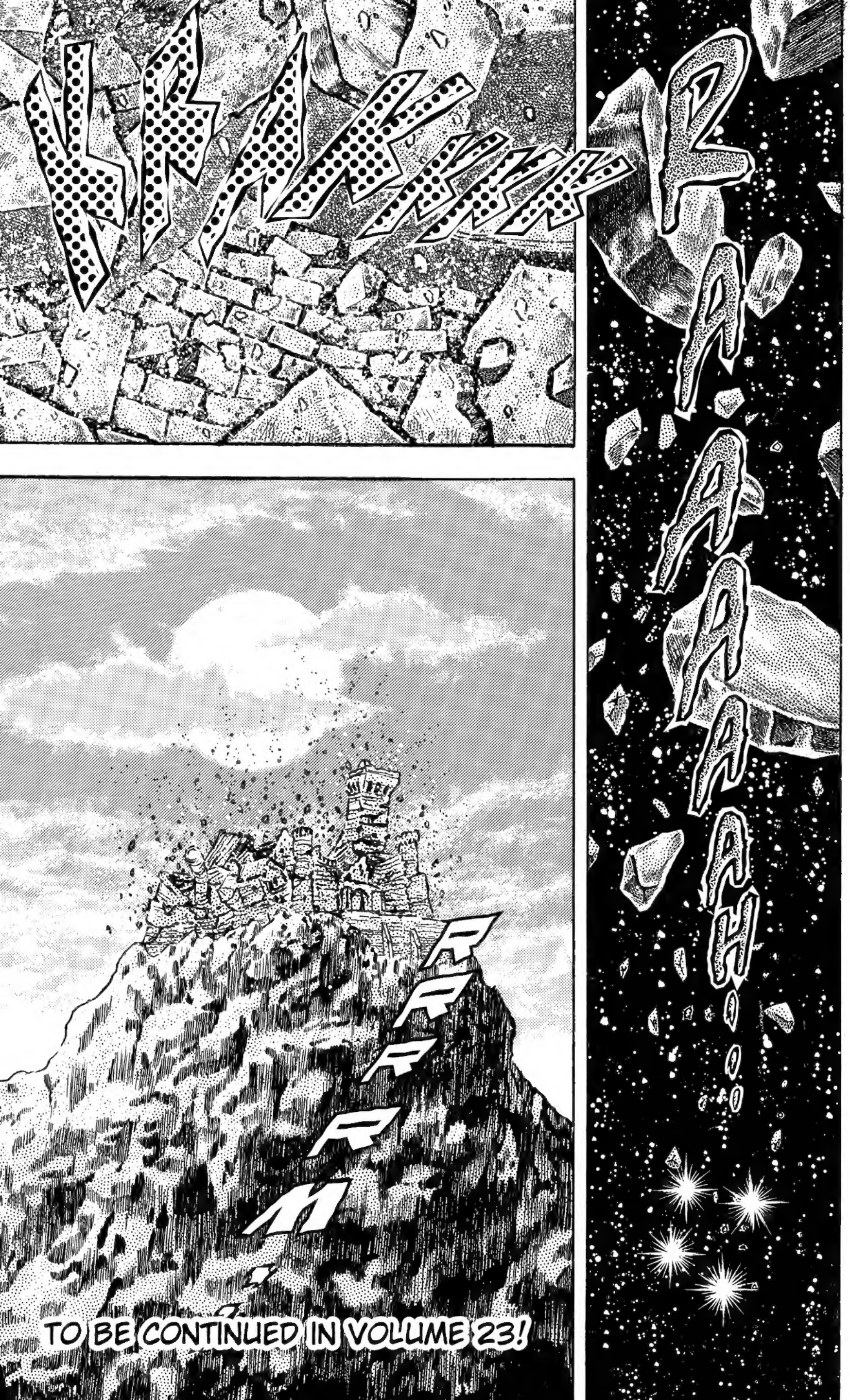
ONE REASON SHAKA WAS CONSIDERED CLOSE TO GODHOOD WAS THAT, AMONG ALL KNIGHTS, HE ALONE HAD AWAKENED TO HIS ALAYA CONSCIOUS-NESS.
IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE EIGHTH STATE.
IN BUDDHISM, THE ALAYA CONSCIOUSNESS REFERS TO SOMETHING HIDDEN WITHIN... THE ESSENCE... THE SOURCE OF ONE'S KARMA.
EIGHTH STATE?
YOU MEAN...
THAT'S RIGHT. A STATE BEYOND THE SEVENTH SENSE, THE COSMO, THE LIFE FORCE ALL HUMANS POSSESS.
THE EIGHTH SENSE !!
EIGHTH SENSE?

BUT THE EIGHTH SENSE LIES EVEN DEEPER WITHIN THAN THE COSMO. MOST PEOPLE LIVE AND DIE WITHOUT EVER BEING AWARE OF IT.
IN MOST OF US, IT EMERGES ONLY AT *DEATH.*
DURING ONE'S FINAL MOMENTS, THE OTHER SENSES STOP ONE BY ONE...
...AND JUST BEFORE DEATH, THE ALAYA CONSCIOUS-NESS ARISES... THE EIGHTH SENSE!!
SO ATHENA AND SHAKA AWAKENED THEIR EIGHTH SENSES...
...SO THEY COULD TRAVEL TO THE UNDER-WORLD ALIVE?
YES.
SO THAT'S WHAT SHION MEANT...
...WHEN HE SAID THEY HADN'T ABANDONED THE BATTLE. NOW I GET IT!

TO FIGHT HADES, YOU MUST TRAVEL TO THE UNDERWORLD ALIVE AS WELL!
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN AWAKEN YOUR EIGHTH SENSES?
NO MATTER WHAT, RÔSHI...
...WE HAVE TO TRY. THERE'S NO GOING BACK.
SHION GAVE US A MISSION...
...TO DELIVER ATHENA'S CLOTH.
THAT'S RIGHT! EVEN NOW, THE SPECTERS MAY BE ATTACKING HER!
WE'VE GOT TO FOLLOW SEIYA!
CASTLE HADES IS FALLING DOWN AROUND US ANYWAY!!
POSSIBLE DEATH AHEAD! CERTAIN DEATH IF WE STAY!! THEN LET'S GO!!
RÔSHI!!

THINKING BACK, YOU'VE ALL SURVIVED COUNTLESS BATTLES, AWAKENED YOUR SEVENTH SENSES, ELEVATED YOUR COSMOS AND CREATED MIRACLES.
YOUR CLOTHS HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN ATHENA'S BLOOD, ALLOWING YOU TO STAND STRONG WITHIN CASTLE HADES.
PERHAPS, WITH ATHENA'S BLESSING AND YOUR OWN HEIGHTENED COSMOS...
...YOU MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO AWAKEN YOUR EIGHTH SENSES!!
I BET SEIYA DID IT. HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY GETTING TIRED OF WAITING FOR US...
YEAH.
I BELIEVE IT, TOO.

LET'S REUNITE IN THE UNDER-WORLD!!
BRING ABOUT A MIRACLE!!
COMBUST YOUR COSMOS TO THEIR HIGHEST!!
ALL RIGHT!!
AWAKEN, MY EIGHTH SENSE!!


KRAKKKK
RAAAAACH
RRRRM
TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 23!